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RALEIGH PEOPLE ORGANIZE FIGHT

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AFFAIRS AT STATE CAPITAL

Copy of Mr. Meares' Booklet in State Library—Will of Late R. B. Raney—New Charters—Road Building—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—A souvenir edition, "The Presidents Who Have Visited Wilmington, N. C.," by Iredell Meares, Esq., has been procured for the State Library and given a conspicuous but protected place in the reading room. It is being much admired both for its mechanical get-up and for its most interesting and well written contents.

Arrangements are making for a mass meeting of citizens of Raleigh Saturday for the purpose of forming an anti-tuberculosis society for the city and county under the State Board of Health. Ex-Governor Aycock, Governor Kitchin, Dr. R. H. Lewis, State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner and Dr. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, are among those who will speak. These local societies are to be organized in all parts of the State as rapidly as possible and will deal with matters of health and sanitation in general as well as tuberculosis.

A friendly suit testing the validity of High Points' proposed bond issue for water and sewerage, had a hearing before the Supreme Court today, the case being presented by City Attorney E. H. Farriss and J. S. Bradshaw.

Three new charters were granted today. The Swan Quarter Real Estate and Trust Co., S. S. Mann and others, incorporators, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$25,000 subscribed; The McAdoo Garage Co., Greensboro, capital \$100,000 by W. D. McAdoo, C. M. Lee and J. M. Rosenblatt; and the Cline Bros. Co., Concord, capital \$25,000 for mercantile business by W. H. Cline and others.

The Raleigh Associated Charities has just rounded up its annual report which shows \$2,725.96 received during the year for charitable purposes and a balance of \$159.85 on hand. Urgent appeals are being made for additional funds, especially as the winter season, just coming on, will greatly increase the demands on the association. During the past year aid was given in 1,692 cases and 110 applicants for aid were refused as undeserved. The Association keeps in service a visiting trained nurse.

Beginning January 4th and continuing for two weeks there will be at the A. & M. College in connection with the six weeks short course for farmers, a short course in road construction in which the college and the Highway Division of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey will co-operate. In connection with this there are to be constructed samples of gravel, sand-clay and macadam roads, general drainage of roads and construction and care of roads generally will be treated and the value of the split log drag illustrated. Road commissioners and supervisors are to be especially urged to attend and the course was open to all. There is to be no tuition and the college will provide table board at \$2.50 per week.

The will of the late R. B. Raney sets aside \$2,000 as a perpetual fund to keep in repair the Raney Library building, erected by him at a cost of over \$50,000 and given to the city as a memorial to the late Oliver C. Raney. The remainder of the estate is left in trust for Mrs. Raney, (nee Miss Denison) and three children. The trustees are H. W. Jackson, B. G. Cooper and R. E. Barnes. The estate is valued at \$150,000.

There have just come out from the office of the State Auditor the last warrants for pensions to Confederate veterans.

The amount represented in the warrants issued is \$450,000, the State appropriation for this purpose. This is distributed among 16,000 pensioners.

Adjutant General Armfield is notified by the War Department at Washington that there will be distributed at once to those companies that have suitable armory quarters four-inch, forty-calibre and sub target guns for special armory practice by the men of the companies of Naval Reserves.

State Commissioner of Insurance Young is back from New York where he attended important committee meetings of the National Council of Insurance Commissioners and incidentally looked into the situation as to the Phoenix Insurance Co., of Brooklyn, which has a large number of policy holders in North Carolina. Commissioner Young says he found that while gross irregularities in management including the use of over a million dollars wrongfully by the president of the company, there is every assurance that even with such heavy losses as those brought to light by the investigation, the capital remains unimpaired with a surplus of not less than \$500,000.

THE TRAGEDY IN SAVANNAH

Hunter Eliminated by Chemical Analysis of Blood Stains—An Alibi Established—Search For Negro Still Going On.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 14.—A chemical analysis of blood stains found on a bundle of clothing owned by J. C. Hunter, husband of the late of three victims of the Perry street murder here, to die, practically eliminated Hunter from suspicion of guilt, as the perpetrator of the triple crime, today.

The analysis was made at the request of the police by City Bacteriologist Victor Basset and his declaration is that though Hunter declared the stains to be a variety of varnish, yet they are blood. However, they are not recent stains and must be older than several days therefore could not have been made at the time of the murder of Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Ohlander and Mrs. Gribble.

An affidavit was obtained today from J. W. Robertson, a fellow workman of Hunter, too, that asserts that during the time the murders must have been committed, Hunter did not leave his sight long enough to go to the Gribble home and return.

Early today Hunter and William Walls, who also is a prisoner and was a close friend of Mrs. Hunter, were given a refined variety of the third degree. Neither of them knew Mrs. Hunter was dead. The husband was led into a room where his wife lay in her coffin. Suddenly he was brought face to face with the dead woman. He showed much emotion but asked to be allowed to kiss her, which he did. Walls, who declared he would "harm her have his head cut off than to rat her was allowed to fondle the dead woman's hands.

The problem the police face now is to apprehend the negro man seen at the Gribble home with an axe in his hands at about the time of the murders. Find this man, they believe and they will solve the mystery.

AEROPLANE SUIT IN COURT

Famous Aviators in Legal Battle

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Three of the world's most famous aviators, the Wright Brothers and Glenn H. Curtiss, of the Herring-Curtiss Company, joined issue in a legal battle here today.

The proceedings, which came before Judge Hays in the United States court, were in a suit brought by the Wrights for a preliminary injunction against Curtiss to restrain him and his associates from manufacturing and selling aeroplanes on the ground that in all essential details Curtiss is infringing on the patents of the Wrights. Arguments had not been completed when court adjourned until tomorrow.

Attorney H. A. Toulmin, of Springfield, Ohio, representing the Wright Brothers, argued for three hours to show that his clients were the pioneers in making and demonstrating the heavier-than-air machines. He laid special stress on their discovery of devices for balancing a machine in the wind, one of the claims in the suit being that Curtiss copied these devices. It was also charged that Curtiss received his inspiration and understanding of these devices while A. M. Herring his partner, was a guest of the Wrights in 1903.

For Mr. Curtiss, Attorney Emerson K. Knowell, of New York, denied infringement. He denied that the Wrights themselves had admitted that the inclined or curved plane and the forward and rear attachments were old; that while the Wrights had solved the balancing problem, Curtiss had adopted an entirely different plan to maintain equilibrium. He also claimed that the particular devices upon which the Wrights claimed infringement never had been patented.

He contended that an automobile device to maintain equilibrium was still the great desideratum in the aeroplane.

SOUTHERN SURGEONS MEET.

Association Convened in Annual Session at Hot Springs Yesterday.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 14.—The 22nd annual session of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association convened here today. There are over 100 surgeons in attendance.

The morning session was opened with an address by the President Dr. Stuart McGuire, of Richmond. Others who addressed the association were Dr. Joseph Price, Philadelphia; H. A. Royster, Raleigh; Reuben Patterson, Ann Arbor; Willard Bartlett, St. Louis; Robert C. Bryan, Richmond, and H. J. Whitaker, Cincinnati.

At the afternoon session addresses were made by Drs. William M. Mastin, Mobile; J. Garland Sherrill, Louisville; J. M. T. Finney, Baltimore; LeGrand Curry, Columbia; Jos. C. Bloodgood, Baltimore; Joseph Rauschhoff, Cincinnati; R. C. Coffey, Portland, W. B. Coley, New York, and Charles M. Rosser, Dallas.

The association will hold two sessions daily adjourning Thursday next.

HARDWICK AFTER NAVY.

Wants to Know Reason for Searching For Col. Astor's Yacht.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Representative Hardwick, of Georgia, wants to know if it is true that the Navy Department held to search for the yacht of Col. John Jacob Astor when it was reported lost recently in the West Indies and if so, why? and how much money was spent by the Department in the quest? He introduced a resolution today indicating this desire and requesting the Secretary of the Navy, "if not incompatible with public welfare, to inform the House as to the facts in the case."

BROKAW INTENDED SUING WIFE FIRST

New Feature to Sensational Divorce Suit Trial in New York.

MRS. BROKAW A WITNESS

Wife Acted Upon Threat Made After House Party—More Evidence in the Trial—Plaintiff Will Have Witnesses.

New York, Dec. 14.—In the further ventilation of the domestic difficulties of Mr. and Mrs. Brokaw it was brought out today that, although Mrs. Brokaw is now suing at Mincola, L. I., for separation with alimony of \$60,000 a year, it was her husband who first threatened to sue.

A telegram from him to Mrs. Blais, his mother-in-law, was the medium of this information and it also contained her version of the incident that assumed the greatest importance in today's session of the trial.

The telegram ran as follows: "I have closed my house, and am sorry to say I must sue Mary for a separation. Her act culminating in a house party last Sunday night forced me to this step. She entertained three ladies and three men that day. Two of the ladies I do not approve of and the third I don't know at all. I do not know the men. She allowed one man to occupy my bed room over night after putting my nurse and one maid in the bachelor's quarters. She refused to give me the names of the men in spite of my request."

John McIntyre, Mr. Brokaw's lawyer, began drilling into all the attendant circumstances of this culminating house party with great circumstantiality. Mrs. Brokaw parried his questions as skillfully as ever, but showed some agitation over the insistence laid on the personality of "Bunnie" Wells, one of the guests.

Mrs. Brokaw testified that she had first met Mr. Wells in Baltimore, five years before his visit to her husband's house in company with Miss Nan Denison, of Syracuse, N. Y. Mrs. Brokaw and another woman, Mrs. Brokaw only remembered as "a Mr. Thompson."

Mr. McIntyre was desirous to know how the upstairs rooms of the house were arranged and what room she occupied on the night of the party.

"Wasn't Mr. Brokaw's room connected with yours?" he asked.

"No. The door to Mr. Brokaw's room opened on the hall."

"And did it not open so near the door of your room that from your door you could have shaken hands with a person standing in the other?"

"I never tried Mr. McIntyre."

"Well now, where did you assume Miss Denison to sleep?"

"In Mr. Brokaw's room."

"Wasn't there some change? Wasn't Mr. Wells finally given that room?"

"Yes."

"Did Mr. Wells come prepared to stay all night?"

"I think he did."

Five messages by telegram instead of by telephone came prominently to play when Mrs. Brokaw was at Great Neck and her husband was in the South. In these messages Mrs. Brokaw said she was keeping her promise "and very good" and not infrequently the telegrams concluded "love" or "much love."

Mrs. Brokaw was excused from the stand after five days of testimony. Her counsel intimated that he would soon produce nurses, maids and other women to corroborate Mrs. Brokaw's stories of broken doors and uproarious nights.

SOUTH CAROLINIAN SHOT

At Union Depot in Charlotte Yesterday.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 14.—W. L. Felder, a well known business man of St. Matthews, S. C., was shot in the left arm and side at the Southern passenger station here this morning by Harry Jones, an express messenger.

Mystery surrounds the affair, no provision or excuse for the shooting being given by either Jones or Felder. The shooting took place at 2:30 o'clock. The express messenger, who was in the train 29, and was witnessed by two other express messengers, who denied any knowledge of the affair at first, but afterwards told about it after they were arrested. Felder, who is not it is hoped, dangerously wounded, is in the Presbyterian hospital. Jones is in jail, where he will be held for the preliminary trial.

ESTATE WORTH A MILLION

Will of Late Norfolk Capitalist—Goes to His Four Children.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—The will of the late David Lowenberg, wealthy capitalist, who died here Saturday and which was filed today disposes of an estate estimated to be worth \$1,000,000.

The amount is divided equally between his four children with a special bequest of \$50,000 to his widow, formerly Mrs. Caroline Shulman, of St. Louis, whom he married five years ago with a settlement at that time said to be equal to the present bequest.

It will not carry any kind of mail, but any kind of mail will carry it—The Red Cross stamp.

THREE VICTIMS OF WRECK

Occurred on New York Central at Northeast, Pa.—Fifteen Persons Were Injured—Fast Train Disregarded Signals.

New York, Dec. 14.—In the derangement of the communication by wire which still prevails because of the late storm, complete details of the train wreck last night at Northeast, Pa., in which three foreigners were killed, and fifteen persons injured, seven of them seriously, were not obtainable until the arrival here at 2:55 o'clock this afternoon of Second No. 26, the New York Central limited.

A statement of how the accident happened was then given out at the New York Central offices telling what trains were in collision and who were killed and injured.

Train No. 26 eastbound leaves St. Louis at 8:45 A. M. and is due at Cleveland at 8:40 P. M., where it comes the second section of the 20th Century Limited, due from Chicago just five minutes earlier. On Monday night all trains were late owing to the storm and the New York limited reached Cleveland first and took the right of way ahead of the 20th Century, thus becoming No. 26 instead of second No. 26. It was this change of numbers that led to the misunderstanding when hasty and scattered news of the wreck was first assembled, that the 20th Century had been in collision.

What happened was this: Near Northeast, Pa., No. 26, the Chicago, Cleveland and New York special was stalled with a broken engine. Behind her were piled up one after another, No. 12 and No. 10, the Boston and New York specials with brakemen out behind. Into this string of broken trains came thundering No. 26 behind her schedule and making up lost time.

Why she overran the flagman's red lamp and the warning bells-eyes of the automatic signal system has not been explained. The weather was thick but not so thick as to bewilder the other stalled trains which had all stopped at command. These points remain for an official explanation. Whatever explanation may be No. 26 came hurtling through the storm at better than 60 miles an hour. Evidently her engineer got a glimpse of something ahead, for his brakes were screaming when he ploughed in to the rear car of the train ahead of him.

CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Several Important Matters Before Bodies Yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Taking up the President's annual message to Congress, the House of Representatives today went through the formality of referring and distributing it among the various committees.

Warning of the Nation's unpreparedness for war was given by Representative Hobbs of Alabama in an extended speech in favor of a more liberal Naval policy delivered while the House was in the committee of the whole.

His colleague, Mr. Richardson, seized the same opportunity to make a speech in advocacy of a liberal waterway policy, particularly affecting the Mississippi river and its tributaries.

Representative McDermott, of Illinois, spoke briefly while general debate was permitted in favor of free wood pulp.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of more than ten million dollars for the expenses of the district during the fiscal year of 1911 was reported.

The House today agreed to take a recess next Tuesday over the holidays, voting to re-convene on Tuesday January 4. At 2:47 P. M. the House adjourned until tomorrow.

GOVERNOR HASKELL ILL.

Acute Attack of Indigestion Gives Family Alarm.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 14.—Governor Charles N. Haskell was tonight seized with an aggravated attack of indigestion and physicians are in attendance at his bedside. His sufferings are intense and his condition causes general alarm.

OUTLINES.

War was formally declared on the United States Steel Corporation at a conference of leaders of organized labor in Pittsburgh yesterday. This action was taken principally on account of the Steel Trust's "open shop" policy.—The conditions in Nicaragua continue to grow worse and a rebellion was in progress yesterday at Managua, the capital of the republic. The people are in open revolt against Zelaya.—A number of reform gamblers appeared before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate yesterday in support of the Burkett bill.—King Leopold, of Belgium, successfully underwent a serious operation yesterday and his condition is reported improved.—Dr. S. Knapp, of the Department of Agriculture, will visit a number of Southern cities and make addresses for the purpose of bringing about greater agricultural prosperity.—The Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association convened in Richmond yesterday.—New York markets: Money on call firm, 4-5-4 to 5 per cent, ruling rate 4-7-8, closing bid and offered at 4. Flour easy, No. 2 red 1.27 elevator and 1.26 1/2 f.o.b. aboard nominal. Corn spot easy, No. 2, 72 elevator domestic, 72 1/2 delivered and 68 f.o.b. aboard, all nominal. Oats, spot firm, mixed 26 to 28 pounds 45-1-2. Rye and turpentine firm. Cotton, spot closed quiet, 10 pounds lower, middling uplands 15 1/2, middling low 15 3/8.

LABOR WILL FIGHT THE STEEL TRUST

Formally Declared War Against The Big Corporation Yesterday.

CAUSE OF SUCH ACTION

The "Open Shop" Policy Dealt a Blow to Organized Labor—Grievances of Federation—Gompers at the Conference.

Pittsburg, Dec. 14.—War was formally declared upon the United States Steel Corporation by the leaders of organized labor throughout the United States and Canada at the close of a momentous two days' conference today. The decision to battle, long and hard, against the stand taken by the steel corporation in its policy of "open shop" was reached by the labor conferees only after hours of debate and a deal of trouble.

At the conference which passed the remarkable battle decree Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, presided.

The grievances of organized labor against the steel corporation as set forth in the resolution have been forwarded to President Taft and to Congress. The Governors of the States in which the Steel Corporation owns plants or has interests will also receive a copy of the resolution.

The resolution in part follows: "A crisis in the affairs of labor has arisen. The gigantic trust, the United States Steel Corporation, is using its great wealth and power in an effort to rob the toiler of his right of American manhood, and of the opportunity to resist its further encroachments. Grown rich by the consent of the people of our country, this corporation in its mad greed for still greater riches, sweeps aside, makes and unmakes law, its enactors and executors and is now engaged in an effort to destroy the only factor—the organizations of its employees—standing between it and unlimited, unchecked and unbridled industrial, political, social and moral carnage. If there exists any virile power in our time and life to check the absolute autocratic domination of this corporation, it must be found in the indomitable will and mission of the misundstood and misrepresented organizations of labor."

"The United States Steel Corporation has declared war on labor. In its secret councils this corporation has decreed that the only obstacle to its complete sway—organized labor—will be crushed. The labor organizations consist of its employees, the workers (their wives and little ones) human flesh and blood. It is by their labor that they live; they have no purpose other than safeguarding their lives, their character, their future, the safety of the republic and humanity."

"These factors now confront each other. By their purposes, attitude and action must they be judged."

"On June 1, 1909, the United States Steel Corporation proclaimed its decree of hostility toward labor. The right of the workers to associate for their common protection was no longer to be recognized or tolerated. As accompanying the decree was a notice of a further reduction in the already scant wages of the workers. The decree went into effect July 1, 1909, we therefore urge that an earnest effort be made to thoroughly organize all employees in the iron, steel and tin plate industry, and subsidiary related trades. Owing to the present pressing necessity caused by the present strike and the indefensible hostile attitude of the United States Steel Corporation, we earnestly call upon National and International unions of America to send at least one organizer to assist in this work. We further urge and recommend that in all places where mills are located the central labor organizations appoint special committees with instructions to co-operate in this work. For educational purposes we recommend that this manifesto be made a special order in all central labor organizations at the first meeting in January, 1910."

"We recommend that the executive council of the A. F. of L. issue a circular to all unions of America, an appeal for financial contributions to aid the striking iron, steel and tin plate workers. We further recommend that the amount of such contribution should not be less than ten (10) cents per member."

"In view of the great wrong perpetrated by the United States Steel Corporation not only against the workers, but the public generally, we recommend that a committee be appointed by this Congress to wait upon the President of the United States, the President of the House of Representatives and such other members of each House of Congress as may be deemed advisable for the purpose of laying before them the grievances from which labor suffers at the hands of this corporation."

"At the instance of the United States Steel Corporation, officers of local, municipal and State governments have unvarnished tyrannized over citizens, invading the constitutionally guaranteed right of free assembly and free speech. We recommend that committee be appointed by this conference to wait upon the Governors of States and such other official representatives of counties and municipalities as are in control where the United States Steel Corporation has plants located for the purpose of presenting to these officials the great wrongs inflicted upon the people of these communities and that the committees demand an investigation and where charge made are substantiated by evidence, the officers responsible therefor be removed and the wrongs immediately righted."

"We appeal to all liberty-loving Americans for their moral and financial support."

The conference was made possible through a resolution adopted at the Toronto, Canada, International Labor Conference held during November, when the convention decided by resolution to meet in Pittsburgh and reach a determined stand against the labor attitude of the United States Steel Corporation.

A Slogan of this year's Red Cross stamp campaign is "50,000,000."

AS TO RACE TRACK GAMBLING

Professed Gambler Brings Subject to Attention of Congressional Committee—One Senator's Ignorance.

Washington, Dec. 14.—With a supporting cast of reformers galore, both male and female, Henry Brolaski, of Monrovia, Cal., who professed to be a gambler upon the race tracks, was the star feature of a hearing today before the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of the Burkett bill to prohibit the transmission of race track betting odds over telegraph or telephone lines. He told how the public is mulcted by book-makers at race tracks, by pool rooms and by hand book makers.

Mr. Brolaski was one of the owners of a Mexican track which was regarded as the basis of gambling operations in the United States and was put out of business at the instance of the Department of State through co-operation with the Mexican government. He is now seeking to have tracks in which he has no interest dealt with in like manner.

Introducing himself as having been a gambler, pool room proprietor, book-maker, Brolaski said that among the places he had worked in his line were Atlanta, Charleston, S. C., New Orleans, Latonia, Louisville and Benning's tracks. He roughly estimated that there were now in the United States between 60 and 70 pool rooms and that 50 of these were in New York City. He calculated that there were in operation nearly 1,500 hand book-makers which business he declared operated as the initiative of the unsophisticated to gamble on the horses. He said in New York City there were at least 100,000 hand book-makers and pool room players and the evil was growing daily.

"The play that is handled by the hand books and pool rooms" said Mr. Brolaski, is usually from a class of people that can ill afford to lose and their bets average from 50 cents up. The man of family will take a chance and lose his board money; the girl will take a chance and lose money that she should expend on herself. It is the greed for more money and the gambling fever that becomes inoculated into their systems, and it is growing all the time."

Brolaski condemned the ticker service of the Western Union Telegraph Company or sub-leader "Hess" as a great evil that should be stopped. "It is the service giving the results and prices as they finish," he said.

Pointing out the poor chance given the better for a return of any part of his wager, the witness said that in a pool room the percentage against the player would run from 75 to 150 per cent, and in a hundred books the percentage was from 5 to 15 per cent. A player had much the worst of it to start with, Brolaski said, and there was no possible chance to beat the game.

"There is only one means," said Mr. Brolaski, "of putting this evil out of business effectively and that is by the United States government enacting a law prohibiting the transmission of pool room and race track information over telegraph wires, either openly or in cipher, and by having those law enforced after they are passed; also prohibiting the use of the mails to newspapers that publish race track prices or results."

He said he could describe to the committee cases which he had personal acquaintance where men had become absconders, drunkards and thieves on account of the pool room and hand book evils.

After the hearing had concluded, Chairman Nelson, who had never seen a race and knew nothing of race betting, said:

"I thought a pool room was a place where you played a game of billiards. Now, I want to know what the operation is in laying a bet, as you call it." He addressed this question to Mr. Brolaski, saying:

"You are the book-maker and I am the player. What do I do?"

Everybody laughed, but Mr. Brolaski instanced a possible play, taking a race in which there were eight horses. "Now, suppose you want to bet on King Barclaycorn, priced at 2 to 1. You give me \$5 and I give you a ticket which reads ten to five. If the horse wins you get \$10 and your \$5 in addition, making \$15 in all."

"But if King Barclaycorn does not win?" asked the Senator, "then what do I get?"

"You get" replied Brolaski, "the ticket as a souvenir."

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CRISIS IS NEAR IN NICARAGUA

Capital City Scene of Rebellion Against the Government.

ZELAYA WILL RESIGN TODAY

Unrestrained Demonstrations Continued Throughout Yesterday—Shouts of "Long Live United States"—at Managua.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 14.—Rebellion has broken out at the capital. The streets are filled with unrestrained demonstrators. Shouts of "Long live liberty; the United States and Estrada!" fill the air.

The police have made no move to check the mob. It is said that President Zelaya has promised to publish today the announcement of his resignation from the presidency.

For the first time in 16 years a street meeting of malcontents has been permitted without police interference. The demonstration began last night and continued for hours. This forenoon comparative quiet has been restored, but the significance of the events of the last few hours admit of but one interpretation. The anti-Zelaya feeling is so strong that the government does not dare to attempt its suppression.

The climax was reached last night when the government attempted to put through Congress a bill conceding to certain exploiter mining rights covering vast undefined areas. The perspective of the private ownership of the surface of the properties. Congressman Enrique Corda opposed the measure in a speech that aroused the wildest enthusiasm. The government, seeing that the motion was in danger of being lost, precipitately adjourned the session. It was too late, however, to head off the burst of indignation that had swept over the legislative body, supposed to have been friendly to Zelaya. The announcement of the adjournment was greeted with hisses and when Corda left the building he was given an ovation.

From the meeting place the Congressmen were followed by his hotel by a mob which alternately cheered Corda and cried "Long live liberty." "Down with oppression."

News of what has been transpired in Congress spread rapidly, and the crowd of manifestants grew to the strength of an army.

The rioters gathered in front of the Mexican legation and called on the Mexican minister to Nicaragua for a speech.

Ramon Rostran attempted an oscillatory speech and was hooted for his pains. Occasionally there was a cry of "Give us Madrid."

In a fiery speech Hildebrando Castellon predicted a new era of liberty and his auditors shouted approval. Responding to insistent calls, Corda made a speech which was a bitter one upon Zelaya. The speaker said that he had intended to interpellate the government on the question of its preparations for war in face of its protestations of peaceful intentions, but he had desisted on the assurance that a formal declaration by President Zelaya resigning from the Presidency would be published in the morning.

While the speeches were being made and the crowd was as noisy as it could be the police made no show of interference. Later Dr. Madrid arrived in the city and his advent was the signal for a demonstration that made the earlier outbreak appear temperate in comparison.

The crowd had become emboldened because of the non-interference of the police and violent denunciations of the present regime were voiced apparently without thought of a possible consequence. In the confusion of shouts one could make out "Viva Mexico!" "Long live the United States!" The handwriting on the wall. Corda was released but recently from the penitentiary.

Following demonstrations at Corda's hotel the crowd moved to the home of Henry Caldera, the United States vice consul. Here they cried: "Live Estrada!" "Live the Revolution!" "Live the United States!"

Still the police did not interfere and the tramping and shouting went on until the manifestants had tired themselves out.

Open Revolt Against Zelaya.

The people of Managua are in open revolt against Zelaya without check from the police. The street demonstrations began last night following denunciations of Zelaya by Corda and the people were madly excited by the report that a battle had been fought and won by Vasquez, commander of the Zelayan forces, around Rama and that Vasquez had massacred a large number of revolutionists. With this report came the additional rumor that Vasquez had united the army and it was not considered likely that he would do so unless under instructions from Zelaya. These reports lost nothing in passing from mouth to mouth. As the Mexican minister was the guarantor of the armistice, it is stated that that official will ask for his passports unless satisfactory explanations are made. The whole country is in a ferment. Zelaya is denounced on every hand, but he is master of the situation and the people fear a wholesale

THE STATE IN EPITOME

News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina.

Injured by Bicycle.

Newbern Journal: Late Saturday afternoon while on her way to see the horse wagon go by on their way to the fire, Bessie, the young daughter of Mr. J. H. Stanley, who resides on Nunn street, was run over by a boy on a bicycle and badly bruised. The child had started to cross the street and it being dark did not see the approaching rider until he was within a few feet of her and she was unable to escape. She was given medical attention at once, and will doubtless recover from her injuries in a short while.

Famous Old Papers.

Winston-Salem Journal: The editor of this paper examined yesterday two copies of the People's Press, published in Salem before and after the war between the states. The Blums were the publishers. It is interesting to note that advertising in those days was regarded as essential to success in business, and the Press carried a good line of display ads. We can imagine how the residents of Salem and the community around it with eagerness the arrival each week of their paper, which was well edited and printed. The Press has long ceased publication, but it was a power in its day.

Noted Mill Men in Charlotte.

Charlotte Observer: Gen. William F. Draper of Washington is spending several days in the city with his son, Mr. Arthur J. Draper. Gen. Draper until recently was the head of the well-known Draper Company of Hopewell, Mass., a company which has been in the perfection of a new loom which he has been working for the past number of years. Several of these looms are at the Hopkins mill and perhaps one of the objects of his visit to Charlotte at this time is to inspect the operation of these new machines. General Draper is at the Selwyn and will remain until Thursday or Friday.

Fake Cop Robs Rube.

Charlotte Observer: Winston-Salem, Dec. 12.—Garfield Hutchins, a young white man, rather well known, is in the city jail, charged with larceny of \$13 from Elder Elkins, another young man, who came here recently from Siler City. Elkins alleges that Hutchins met him in a cafe early yesterday morning and requested a loan. Upon Elkins' refusal, so he alleges, Hutchins told him he was an officer and pretended to put him under arrest, taking him to an alleyway near the police station, and there forced him to give up the money, intimating him with a long knife. Hutchins warned Elkins to leave town and say nothing, Elkins says. Luck Hammond, who is accused by Elkins as an accomplice of Hutchins, is still at large.

Stumbled in Basin of Boiling Water.

Charlotte Observer: Little Louise Blaise Smith, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Watson Smith, passed away at the home of her parents yesterday afternoon at 6:45 as the result of burns received Sunday morning. The death of the little one was very sad. Sunday morning while playing about a basin of boiling water—the father having put it on the floor for a second and turned his back—the child stumbled into it and received such serious burns that nothing that human skill could do could achieve anything. The funeral will take place at the home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the interment will be at Elmwood. The child was of lovable disposition and a general favorite in the neighborhood.

HAWK FLEW OFF WITH TRAP.

Remarkable Nature Story From Elkin. (Concord Times.)

Mr. J. A. Park tells the Elkin Times an interesting hawk and chicken story. A hawk caught a chicken at Mr. Park's home and was frightened away before it had consumed all of its catch. Mr. Park set two small steel traps on either side of the remnants of the chicken and awaited results, which the Times gives as follows: "He tied the traps by strings to a bush. Next morning he went back and found one of the traps missing. Not believing the hawk could break the string and fly away with the trap, he expected to hear that some of his neighbors' dogs or cats had gone home wearing a steel trap as an ornament, but in this he was disappointed. Almost two weeks had passed when Mr. Park was about his shop and observed something under a sill of the shop. On examination he found a hawk with a steel trap fastened on to two of its toes, but the hawk was dead. The shop where he found the hawk was about 400 yards from where he set the trap. The conclusion is that the hawk who caught, broke the string and flew off with the trap; that by the time it reached the shop the weight of the trap brought it to the ground and that it crawled under the shop sill to hide."

SUICIDE AT KINSTON.

S. M. Noble Sends Family Out of Room and Kills Himself. (Charlotte Observer.)

Kinston, Dec. 13.—Stephen M. Noble committed suicide at his home in Trent township Sunday afternoon by shooting two 32-caliber bullets into his head producing almost instant death. No reason was given for the act other than that he had been drinking heavily and in a fit of despondency took his own life.

Noble was sitting in the room with his mother and his children and sent them out to the woodshed on some pretext and before they had reached the shed they heard the pistol fire twice in quick succession. Hurrying back to the house they found him on the floor with blood pouring from the two bullet wounds. He leaves a wife and four children.

PITIFUL BURNING OF CHILD.

Winston-Salem Journal: Dec. 12.—Before Mrs. E. D. Foltz could respond to the agonized cries of her 4-year-old child, Bessie, this evening at 6 o'clock, the little girl was burned to a crisp over her whole body. The child is alive at 11 o'clock tonight, but the physician says she cannot recover and has but a few hours to endure her awful pain.

The mother had stepped out of the house for a few moments, leaving Bessie with her infant brother. Her dress got too near the fire in the grate and in an instant the child's clothing was a mass of flames.

The physician could do nothing, and Dr. J. P. Farrington stated that as soon as the kidneys refused to throw off the impurities usually thrown off through the pores of the skin, the child would die.

The parents are prostrated. Mr. Foltz is a tobaccoist.

DEATH AT ATKINSON.

Mrs. Kenneth McCaskill Passed Away Yesterday Morning—Funeral. (Special Star Correspondence.)

Atkinson, N. C., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Kenneth McCaskill, wife of the deceased pastor of the Presbyterian church here, passed away this morning at 3 o'clock after weeks of great suffering. The Atkinson community is under a cloud of sadness for during the year and a half that she has lived at this place, she had endeared herself to the whole people as perhaps no one who ever came to live among them.

She was hardly more than a bride when she came with her husband to this pastoral field five years ago. Of unusual personal beauty, gentleness of manner and youthful enjoyment of life, her presence was a joy to young and old. But that which stands forth in clearest light was her spiritual earnestness and faithfulness. Though frail of body, she never sent an excuse. She was always in her place in worship, taking a part in every phase of Christian service, her sweet voice always joining in the worship of song.

She leaves one child, a little girl, four years old. Mrs. McCaskill was Miss Olive Fulton, of Foreston, S. C. She leaves a father, stepmother, two brothers and several sisters, all of whom live in South Carolina except one sister, Mrs. Charlie Robinson, of Wilmington, whose loss is especially sad, being the sister nearest in age and having married and come to live near her just a year ago.

Mrs. McCaskill will be laid to rest near her girlhood home at Foreston tomorrow at 11 o'clock. Mr. McCaskill was accompanied on the journey thither today by Mr. George Moore, an elder of Caswell Presbyterian church, and Rev. J. M. Plowden, of Wilmington.

A. C. L. SUPERINTENDENTS.

Regular Meeting in Rocky Mount—Negro Barber Gone. (Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 14.—In the office of the Superintendent of Transportation this morning there was a meeting of the superintendents of the various districts of the first division of the Atlantic Coast Line. Those in attendance were Supt. of Transportation W. B. Darrow, and Assistant Superintendent C. L. Porter, both of this city; Supt. J. A. Fountain, of Wilmington; Supt. G. C. Lynch, of Florence; Supt. B. J. Hughes, of Norfolk, and Supt. E. Phennegar, of Richmond.

It looks as though a bondsman for one of the defendants arrested recently in the several cases unearthed by the police, must come across with the long green or bring his man to trial. The case is that of a negro barber, Will Battle, who has been in the limelight for the past week, having first come to note by turning the dogs loose on the police when they went to arrest him on last Monday night. The negro later returned and surrendered himself and was released under bond of \$300, which was given by Mr. Jinks Bradley, a planter of the Edgecombe section, near this city. Later the police unearthed more evidence of alleged liquor sales and armed with another warrant they went in quest of him once again but he had flown the coop and has not been seen since. At the morning session today the case for which Mr. Bradley had stood the negro's bond was called and judgment nisi entered.

An alarm of fire from the second ward about 8:30 this morning brought the department to a two-story frame dwelling owned by a colored family on Goldleaf street. The fire is thought to have originated from a defective chimney. The loss was about \$300 with no insurance.

N. & S. OWNERS.

On Trip of Inspection of Properties in North Carolina. (Special Star Telegram.)

Newbern, Dec. 14.—Mr. Marsden J. Perry, one of the recent purchasers of the N. & S. R. R.; Mr. E. T. Lamb, general manager and a party of northern capitalists were here for a short time today. The party is making a hurried trip over the road, traveling in a special train consisting of private cars 100 and 101. Beaufort and Morehead City were visited this morning. This afternoon the plant of the John L. Roper Lumber Co. here was inspected. Later the party left on a special train for Raleigh via Goldsboro.

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RESOURCES.
Loans and Discounts\$4,071,642.48
U. S. Bonds (at par) 551,000.00
Bank Building 25,000.00
U. S. State and other Bonds 170,420.50
Cash and Due by Banks 1,408,349.42
Total \$6,226,412.40

LIABILITIES.
Capital Stock \$ 550,000.00
Surplus and Net Profit 351,423.98
Provision for Losses 550,000.00
U. S. Bond Account 100,000.00
Deposits 4,674,988.47
Total \$6,226,412.40

DEPOSITS.
November 16th, 1909\$2,125,502.71
November 16th, 1909\$3,075,047.52
November 16th, 1909\$4,074,988.47
H. C. McQUEEN, President.
J. V. GRAINGER, Vice President.
J. W. YATES, Vice President.
C. S. GRAINGER, Cashier.

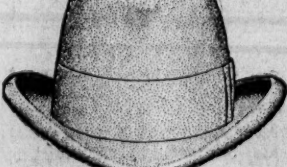


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TO BEACH.
WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 A. M.; 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M.; 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30, 4:07, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.
WEEK DAYS—Leave Luma at 7:45, 9:15, and 10:45 A. M.; 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave Luma at 9:45, 10:45 A. M.; 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 6:45, 6:50, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE.
WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M.; 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M.; 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30, 4:07, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.
WEEK DAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 6:50, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M.; 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 6:55, 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 9:55, 10:55 A. M.; 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:35, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE.
FRONT AND PRINCESS
TO CAROLINA PLACE.
WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess 6:52 A. M., and every 15 minutes thereafter until 10:37 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess 8:22 A. M., and every 15 minutes thereafter until 10:37 P. M.

TO FRONT AND PRINCESS.
WEEK DAYS—Leave 17th and Market 6:45 A. M., and every 15 minutes thereafter until 10:45 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave 17th and Market 8:30 A. M., and every 15 minutes thereafter until 10:45 P. M.

TO UNION DEPOT.
WEEK DAYS—Leave 17th and Market 6:55 A. M., and every 20 minutes thereafter until 10:35 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave 17th and Market 8:35 and every 20 minutes thereafter until 10:35 P. M.

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Lv. Durham 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg 2:30 p.m. 3:15 a.m.
Lv. Cincinnati 7:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
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NORTHBOUND.
No. 48. No. 42.
Daily. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington 8:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Ar. Goldsboro 12:00 p.m. 9:55 p.m.
Ar. Wilson 1:00 p.m. 10:52 p.m.
Ar. Rocky Mount 1:35 p.m. 11:30 p.m.
Ar. Weldon 4:55 p.m. 2:09 a.m.
Ar. Norfolk 5:55 p.m. 3:35 a.m.
Ar. Petersburg 7:05 p.m. 4:05 a.m.
Ar. Richmond 8:00 p.m. 4:40 a.m.
Ar. Washington 11:50 p.m. 8:00 a.m.
Ar. Baltimore 1:15 a.m. 9:20 a.m.
Ar. W. Phila. 3:45 a.m. 11:44 p.m.
Ar. New York 6:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND.
No. 41. No. 49.
Daily. Daily.
Lv. New York 3:25 p.m. 9:25 p.m.
Lv. W. Phila. 5:44 p.m. 12:19 a.m.
Lv. Baltimore 8:20 p.m. 2:46 a.m.
Lv. Washington 10:00 p.m. 2:20 a.m.
Lv. Norfolk 3:20 p.m. 8:25 a.m.
Lv. Richmond 1:20 a.m. 8:15 a.m.
Lv. Petersburg 1:55 a.m. 9:13 a.m.
Lv. Weldon 3:40 a.m. 11:35 a.m.
Lv. Rocky Mount 5:00 a.m. 12:50 p.m.
Lv. Wilson 6:36 a.m. 2:09 p.m.
Lv. Goldsboro 6:35 a.m. 3:05 p.m.
Ar. Wilmington 9:30 a.m. 6:10 p.m.

WEST AND SOUTH.
Via Wilson.
Lv. Wilt'n 6:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 1:40 a.m.
Ar. Flor. 9:25 a.m. 7:25 p.m. 9:00 a.m.
Ar. Col'bia. 1:00 p.m. 10:45 p.m.
Ar. Aug'ta. 3:00 p.m.
Ar. Atl'ta. 8:20 p.m.
Ar. Nash. 6:35 a.m.
Ar. Mem. 3:30 p.m.
Ar. Lou'v. 1:10 p.m.
Ar. Con'ti. 4:35 p.m.
Ar. Chas. 1:36 p.m. 11:25 p.m. 1:40 a.m.
Ar. Savh. 3:56 p.m. 2:20 p.m. 9:00 a.m.
Ar. Jk'ville. 8:10 p.m. 7:10 a.m. 1:20 p.m.
Ar. Tampa. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:55 p.m.
Pullman service Florence to Atlanta and Atlanta to destination.

NORTHBOUND.
50. 54.
Daily. Daily.
Lv. Tampa 9:00 p.m. 10:30 a.m.
Lv. Jacksonville 7:30 a.m. 7:45 p.m.
Lv. Savannah 11:40 a.m. 12:15 a.m.
Lv. Charleston 4:00 p.m. 1:20 a.m.
Lv. Columbia 4:25 p.m. 6:00 a.m.
Lv. Augusta 2:45 p.m.
Lv. Florence 7:58 p.m. 9:25 a.m.
Ar. Wilmington 11:30 a.m. 1:25 p.m.

WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.
Eastbound. Westbound.
53 Daily. 52 Daily.
8:40 AM Lv Wilmington Ar Sanford 8:05 PM
11:45 AM Ar Fayetteville Lv 4:50 PM
12:10 PM Lv Fayetteville Ar 4:45 PM
1:40 PM Ar Sanford Lv 3:30 PM

WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.
Northbound. Southbound.
62 Daily except Sunday. 63 Daily.
3:25 PM Lv Wilmington Ar 12:50 PM
5:17 PM Ar Jacksonville Lv 10:55 AM
6:14 PM Ar N. & S. Jct Lv 9:55 AM
6:50 PM Ar Newbern Lv 9:30 AM

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OUTLAWED BIRDS.

It is always depressing to note the doing of evil in the hope of doing good. Take the case of the hawk. For years, he has been considered the enemy of the farmer, the enemy of the sportsman, and generally a sort of freak of nature akin to the mosquito, with no function except to worry and destroy the creatures reserved for the pleasure and use of man.

On the contrary, the evil that the ordinary hawk is guilty of is not to be compared to the useful functions he exercises. His food is pests, instead of the useful domestic or game animals. Just as years ago the less intelligent farmer made indiscriminate war on all manner of birds, and thus gave the pests that destroy his grains and trees a fair field to work their havoc, so the senseless war that has been discontinued in the case of the smaller birds is still waged on the hawk upon the theory that in his extermination lies the multiplicity of the useful birds which he is supposed to destroy. Along with the crow, he is outlawed by statute, and the only chance that he has of surviving at all lies in the wisdom he shows in the choice of nesting places and the wariness with which he has come to watch the landscape into which he comes within shooting range of the ground. For instance, and as illustrating the hawk obsession, we note the following from a Statesville paper:

"A farmer of North Iredell sold to Mr. W. R. Brawley, the well known real estate and insurance man, this morning a monster hawk head. Mr. Brawley pays 25 cents for every head. During the past year he has bought no less than 192. The head brought to him today was worth the money. Mr. Brawley is the father and founder and preserver of the Statesville Anti-Hawk Club, whose object is to protect the birds. His philanthropic effort has saved the life of many a feathery songster."

We presume that Mr. Brawley is under the impression that the chief aim and end of the hawk's existence is to catch and eat "feathered songsters." On the contrary, the name "sparrow hawk" is one of the worst misnomers springing out of ignorance. The gay little bird of that name is chiefly concerned with grass hoppers and bugs. Occasionally he makes a swoop into a field and comes up with a diminutive mouse. If he depended upon sparrows, which easily elude his swiftest dashes by their erratic flight, he would starve to death in a month. So, too, with most of the other hawks, the larger of which do, on occasion, drop into fields and catch now and then an unwary partridge or a feeding dove or meadow lark. But the diet in chief of even these fierce hawks, such as that from which Mr. Brawley's latest head was taken, is mice. And, in addition to the injury untold that they do to growing crops, the finest tid-bit that a mouse can get is the eggs of quail and other ground-laying birds. For one bob-white taken by hawks, there are twenty partridge eggs destroyed by mice. Almost any observant man in the woods will remember in the Spring to have seen the remains of a whole nest of quail eggs, sucked as neatly by mice as the yellowest mouthed cur in the State could have cleaned up a hen's nest.

Generally, it is a dangerous thing to condemn unheard of any Nature's species. Nowhere, except in Nature, are appearances so deceitful. Watching a "sparrow hawk" dash playfully into a hedge-row full of twittering small birds is prima facie evidence, but no evidence in fact. Common as this sight is, we are almost ready to give a reward to the responsible man who will state that he has ever seen a hawk catch a sparrow. The larger hawks sometimes get a taste of barnyard diet, just as a dog learns to kill sheep. But such exceptions are outlaws of their tribe, and their whole race ought not to be outlawed for their crimes.

Ten days more, and the tired shop girl praying for Christmas will be praying for a job.

We wonder whether the Chicago Record Herald will tabulate the Christmas deaths from acute indigestion.

We wonder if there is just a little bit of that Alsace-Lorraine sediment in the bottom of Mexico's toasting glass.

COWARDS.

Few as there are who have read anything like the majority of the stories of Guy de Maupassant, many will recall his brilliant and profoundly dramatic sketch entitled, "The Coward."

A man's woman companion is insulted in a restaurant. He at once slaps the face of the man offering the affront; they exchange cards; a duel is arranged. Later, his second pleads with him to effect a compromise; he scorns the offer. Later, having dismissed his servant, he begins to set his house in order before the meeting at dawn. He examines the dueling pistols, placing them beside him on the table and sits down to write his will. In a strong hand, he begins: "This is my will,"—and there custom, training, habit, and fashion are stripped from his craven heart. He stares at the wall. Beyond it he sees a vision of himself facing in the grey of the morning his enemy. He feels himself pulling the trigger of his pistol. He sees the pistol of his enemy leveled at his breast. He shudders, and drinks to steady his nerve. But the pictures persist. The sweat breaks out on his face. He looks at the paper, and tries to write, only to take another drink and to pace the room, seeing in imagination his own deadly peril on the morrow. When his second comes at dawn to rouse him, he finds him dead, a pistol still clenched in his hands, and the blood splashing the paper, on which, the last record of his manhood, is written: "This is my will!"

This story, scarce a thousand words, has stood as a masterpiece of art, and as the story of a cringing soul, written in indelible colors. The title, when one finishes the story, is graven in letters of fire. Yet this is what a lecturer recently said in a New York Y. M. C. A., addressing men in hard daily conflict with life, and subject, all of them, to the stern chances of poor men in a great city:

"A man out of work with a wife and family dependent on him, and four weeks behind with the rent, is justified, under modern social conditions, in committing suicide. It is enough to break one's heart to think of the conditions under which thousands go cheerfully to the 15 hours daily work and at night herd back like cattle to the pens they call home. And the saddest thing is that they go cheerfully, hoping no better for the morrow."

What sort of a gospel is that? What kind of preaching to hold out to desperate men? Could anything be more poisonous, anything more lost to all the finer instincts of manhood? Could anything more invite to cowardice, and tend to paralyze effort? The Irishman put it all clearly when he said that suicide ought to be the last act of a man's life, under any and all circumstances. Life is what we have of the tangible. It is our one asset. When the asset becomes a liability to the individual, when the individual is of that rarely isolated type whose passing can be to no one more than a passing regret, it is plausible, if not convincing, to talk of suicide. But to suggest to a man whose family is starving that he should permit them to starve the more speedily by removing himself as their protector, is to ask him not only to be a coward, but to be a defaulter of a trust that has come to him from those quiet depths of Nature in which even the most abandoned feel, if they do not recognize, a God. Worse than that, it is an encouragement to that most miserable egotism which makes a man in the seeming last extremity exclaim, "I will kill myself!" Who cares, if he "kills himself"? Reflect on the emotion that a suicide raises in the average breast? Pity for the suicide? No. He has merely run headlong upon the change to which, universally, all mankind is either pitched or dragged. But pity for the wife and children, whom in a wreck and despair of pride of posing before them, the winning being has left to battle even without the aid of his feeble arm. Perhaps we do not quote correctly, but Oscar Wilde, poet who spoke from truths in which he had fallen, said truly, if with all bitterness:

"For each man kills the thing he loves—
Let this by all be heard:
The brave man does it with a sword,
The coward with a word."

Let the man with the family, the unpaid rent, the lack of a job, remember that what in the desire for the spectacular he is rushing himself upon is no more than will come to him in the ordinary course of events; that it means nothing to the world, except a contemptuous and brief reference to a name distinguished for its ignoble suggestion, and that what he is really doing is killing the wife and babies, whom he leaves branded, literally, with a "word"—a word, in truth, that is the one thing that nobody forgets, because it typifies the one crime that it is possible for a man to commit with absolute freedom from the fear of punishment. If that is not the coward's part, the world has built on the humanities and refined its sympathies for centuries in vain!

Government exposes of conditions of steerage passage need to be taken in connection with the class of immigrants that the law now permits to take passage for this country. When you herd cattle, you will get the smell of the stable, even in a palace.

A BIRD OF PASSAGE.

From Worcester, Mass., comes a tale that may be in the interest of diverting attention from Dr. Cook, and may—just possibly—indicate the approach of the end of the flying machine problem. The aeronaut in this case is one Wallace E. Tillinghast, described as vice president of the Sure Seal Manufacturing Company, and he gives his confidence to the Worcester Telegram to say, that while the world has been giving its attention to Curtis, Wright, Bleriot, Farman, and other near-flyers, it has entirely overlooked the real thing in aeronauts right there in dear old Worcester, or words to that effect. It seems that the reason the world discriminated in this way was that Mr. Tillinghast does his flying mostly by night. Occasionally, with two mechanics, he mounts his machine, whizzes off in the darkness, takes a turn or two around little old New York, chases himself back to hover around the lights that mark Boston and Back Bay and is home again, in house-shoppers, with the cat, no, the kettle—bubbling on the hob, before his wife has realized that he has gone further than the corner grocery. To be accurate, there follow just a few of the things which Mr. Tillinghast modestly says about himself:

Mr. Tillinghast says that he has made over 100 successful trips, of which 18 have been in his perfected machine.

To prove the claim that his machine has been thoroughly tested, he cites a trip he made the night of September 8. He said:

"With two mechanics I left the shop where the machine is stored and built and set out for New York City, which we reached, coming close to the statue of Liberty, went to Boston, and then back again to the starting point, without alighting."

"When near Fire Island, one of the cylinders ran irregularly, so the mechanics took plenty of time in repairing it and doing a little work of a precautionary nature with other parts of the machinery."

"Before stopping the motor, we rose to an altitude of 4,000 feet and sailed during the 46 minutes taken in repairing the cylinder and looking over the other machinery."

"When the motor was started we were so near land that the headlight and general outline of the aeroplane with the men in it were seen by a member of the life saving crew patrolling the beach."

Without doubting anything of this, we might cite the case of a certain lawyer of national reputation who on occasion was accustomed to delight his friends with narrating as fact things that he saw and did when in a contemplative and superinduced mood. On one such occasion he tilted his chair back from the curb in front of a hotel and launched forth upon thought-transference. "Everybody admitted it. 'But,' said he, 'you don't understand. My thought transference transfers the body. It is a mere method of mental dynamics. For instance, when I got to the office yesterday I remembered that I was to argue a case in the King's Bench at London. Instantly, I thought myself in London. Whizz! and I was there. But, do you know," said he, "I had made a miscalculation. I left in the morning and was in London in thirty seconds, but when I arrived it was afternoon. I had forgotten the time! And I lost a big fee by not starting at midnight the night before, too. You see, there is this one drawback about thought transference; it can only operate in the present tense."

Whether the Worcester aeronaut has done something easy to him but impossible to others remains to be seen. At any rate, it will be noted that he is not yet in the possession of the secret of our local aeronauts, who know how to rise straight in the air and hover like a bird. If they should break a motor, there would be no coasting up to four thousand feet and then coasting down again. They would simply stop over a blacksmith shop and let down a ladder for tools. Massachusetts has, as usual, something more to learn.

Judge O. H. Allen has stirred Kinston and Lenoir county by charging the lax conditions with respect to the enforcement of the prohibition laws to the police and county officers. As we have before remarked, the enforcement of this law is possible to the legal officials, notwithstanding the difficulties in the way of procuring proper evidence. The real reason of non-enforcement, however, is with the people, and, considering the prohibition majority, the equation may be further reduced to place the responsibility on the prohibitionists. It is the men who made the prohibition law by their votes who should make it the practice and not the bare assumption—Kinston and all other communities.

A family named Duncan are scandalizing Philadelphia by going about wrapped from head to foot in diaphanous sheets, a la the Greek Senate, and with the thermometer hugging zero. The police arrested them, but there is difficulty in determining why a gentleman with a cold-hardened skin should not expose himself to wintry blasts if he desires to do so. The Duncans claim to like it and are well covered. In the meantime the authorities, in the lack of statutes to meet the case, are industriously searching the blue laws against blue legs.

A RETROSPECTIVE PROPHECY.

The Columbia State, now that cotton has gone to hibernating itself up to and beyond the fifteen cent mark, puts an industrious young man to work on its files and comes up triumphantly, saying that so long ago as September, when cotton was being "rushed to market" at 12 1-2 cents per pound, it sounded a note of warning, to the effect that the price would yet be higher, and to prove its case cites a "double leaded" editorial of September 23rd, entitled "Indications for High Cotton," and quotes itself as saying on that momentous occasion:

"The State is neither estimating the size of the cotton crop, nor predicting a sensational advance, but we say that conditions as now revealed warrant such an increase in price, and if the October reports are as bullish as those for September, fifteen-cent cotton—or higher—may be reasonably expected. The logic of the present situation is for high cotton."

If, adds the State, "only twenty thousand bales were held for thirty days from that date, it meant a gain to the farmers and to South Carolina of one hundred thousand dollars."

It would be easy to ask, in view of this prophecy and its result, how much the man who wrote the editorial made out of the rise. According to the man, the reply would be, either that he did not have the money to gamble with, or that he did not believe in gambling. At the same time, the truth is that the prophecy that happened to come true was open to the vice of most prophecies, to wit: that the prophet did not have the courage of his convictions. If he does not, and is in a position to have influence, he ought not to prophesy.

Personally, thirteen and a half cent cotton for October delivery looks to us a "sale." To a man reasonably sure of making, say, five hundred bales the coming season, a sale of four hundred short would leave him a handsome profit, which ever way the market turned. With a big acreage assured as the result of high prices, a talking of profits in advance looks "good," even as a "gamble."

When the man has the means of having the cotton to deliver, it looks like one of those rare, rare, "cinch" chances to wear diamonds. Are we therefore going to put in for our part?

Do we hereby mean to stand by and cheer while capitalists, influenced by our acumen, turn the fleecy staple into golden fleece? Nay—and neigh again. Next fall, we even promise not to say "I told you so." For the beginning and the end, the top and the bottom, the future and the past of the cotton market was long since foretold, prophesied and preached in a single epigram of Henry Grady, old it is true, but ever new and ever, to the hopeful, young.

"Well, Grady," said a friend, "what do you think of cotton?"

Grady came as near a frown as his limitations would permit.

"Cotton," said Grady, "is a damn fool."

And there you are.

The diamond trust complains that the automobile fever is sapping up its Christmas trade. At the same time, those who ride in automobiles generally wear diamonds.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Rivers and Harbors Congress is set upon "tong the banks of all navigable streams with 'tall Lombardy poplars.' For the cat-fish to climb, or for the artists to draw?"

The Winston-Salem Journal says that there are ten days left for the young ladies who want to go to Washington to secure votes. We thought that the way to Washington was to secure the votes at home.

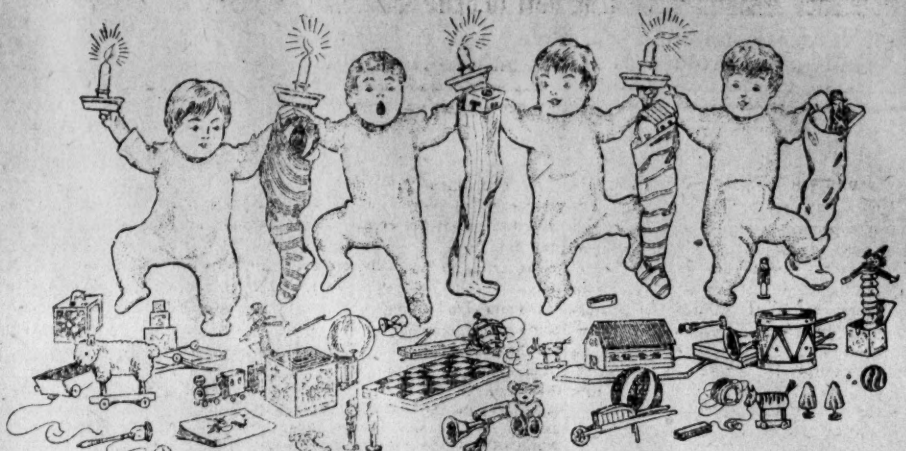
It is understood that Dr. Cook will spend a quiet Christmas in a quiet place. It is a habit which, according to his story of his last year's Christmas whereabouts, seems to have become habitual with him.

King Leopold, of many crimes and dissolutions only less strong than the constitution with which he withstood them, is dying. It must be a ghostly company that troops past his bed, if indeed the dying scene in processions the events of the life they are leaving. However, the old king is dying, as he has lived, a game sport, taking extreme unctious with a smile and yielding after his eightieth year in the consciousness that for eighty years he has been both young and wicked. A big brain in a big body enabled him to do a great work, marred by his unscrupulousness and cruelty, but unweakened by vices that would utterly have swamped a weaker man. After all, Leopold was one of those enigmas which Nature seems never so glad as when she breaks all her rules and precedents in making.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Our government seems to object to President Zelaya's naming of his own successor. But isn't it now quite the thing for American Presidents to name their successors; and should not Mr. Taft be about the last chief executive to protest against the custom?—Columbia State.

"Technical to the verge of folly," or, "sacrifice of common sense to red tape," is how The Norfolk Landmark feels impressed by the Postoffice Department's ruling whereby all packages inscribed with a legend to the effect that they are not to be opened until Christmas incur the status and



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the charges of first-class mail. We quite agree. This ruling can only have the effect of increasing the congestion from which the postal service and its employees suffer at and about Christmas.—Charlotte Observer.

The war is not quite over yet. A branch of the Michigan military order of the Loyal Legion has protested against the placing of the statue of General Lee in the Hall of Fame. Virginia selected Washington and Lee as her two greatest men. The Michigan, it seems, object to the uniform Lee wore. If the States cannot place their heroes in the hall, what is the use of it anyway? The Old Dominion never produced two greater men than Washington and Lee, unless General Jackson was one of them, and those Michigan people would probably be moved to register a greater kick on him. Probably the war will be over some time.—Winston-Salem Journal.

Nicaragua has a navy composed of eight small steamers. The country has a population of 600,000 and an area of 42,000 square miles. New York State has an area of 43,000 square miles and a standing army of 4,000 men, and an army subject to call of 36,000. These facts are supplied by the esteemed Wilmington Dispatch. Recently the Secretary of State sent broadcast an ultimatum abristle with heroic terms—a hair-raising rebuke to this infinitesimal Republic, which could easily be placed in a corner of Texas and never be noticed.—The Salisbury Post very appropriately remarks, "Now wouldn't we be covered with glory when we licked Nicaragua?"—Charlotte News.

I have no quarrel with the manufacturers of fertilizers. They are, and will always be, necessary; but what we want is to see our Southern farmers abandon the slavish devotion to fertilizers merely for the purpose of squeezing a little more sale crop from the land and leaving it worse than before. We want to see them use the cheaper forms of plant food that they must buy in a more liberal manner for the increased production of legitimate crops and the making, through the aid of this, of more manure from well-fed cattle. We want to see them having something to sell all the year through and ready at all times to pay cash for labor and everything else needed to make crops.—Progressive Farmer.

Before finally relegating Dr. Cook to the Rooseveltian Liars' club, it should be borne in mind that the doctor's latest accuser, Loose, says he sold his story to The New York Times because Cook had only paid him (Loose) \$260 on a promised thousand. You will note that Dunkle, Loose and also Barrill, the three principal assailants of Dr. Cook, all admit being disgruntled because they were dissatisfied with the amount of bribe money received. All of them made money by disposing of their confessions to the New York Times, a paper which appears to have been particularly receptive when confessions were about to be uncorked. Yes, there is something Loose somewhere. Dr. Cook may, perhaps, be later revealed as a common cheat, but at that he would be no worse than the cattle now betraying him.—Asheville Citizen.

It is doped out that the Honorable Spencer B. Adams, who presided over an Indian court in Oklahoma or somewhere, and who for years has presided over the Federal pie counter in North Carolina without becoming a against whom the Butlers made their sensational charges—it is doped out, we hear, that the Honorable Spencer B. is after District Attorney Holton's scalp. If the President were to fail to re-appoint Mr. Holton, the best district attorney in the service, it would not be a crime; but if Adams should be chosen in his place, the heavens ought to weep. We have no idea Adams will get the job, for President Taft has shown commendable carefulness in the selection of officers in North Carolina. Mr. Holton needs no defense at anybody's hands.—Winston-Salem Journal.

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Fortieth Annual Session of Grand Lodge Convened Here Yesterday—200 Delegates in Attendance—Sessions.

With 200 delegates in attendance from various parts of the State, the 40th annual session of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient Masons, colored, convened at St. Stephen's A. M. E. Church at 12 o'clock yesterday, R. B. McRary, of Lexington, Most Worshipful Grand Master, presiding. The delegates are being entertained by Giblem Lodge, No. 2, and Hanover Lodge, No. 14, of this city.

After the devotional exercises and roll call the lodge proceeded to business. The committee on charity received instructions as related to its work. The Grand Lodge received through Allen Jackson an invitation from Capt. J. W. Harper to take a boat ride on the steamer Wilmington Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and the invitation was accepted with thanks.

The Grand Lodge is composed of more than 400 men representing the wealth, intelligence and progress of the race in North Carolina; men who are doing a great work for the uplift of their fellow men in disseminating the doctrines of thrift, peace and good citizenship. There are about 8,000 colored Masons in the State. One of the members said of the sessions: "This session of the Grand Lodge from all appearances bids fair to eclipse all other sessions in enthusiasm and in numbers and in finance."

The second session was held last night, beginning at 7 o'clock. Reports were received from various standing committees and R. B. McRary, Grand Master, delivered his annual address, showing the growth of the order during the past year and the financial condition.

Two sessions will be held today, the first at 10 o'clock this morning in St. Stephen's Church, and the second this afternoon in St. Luke's church. At the afternoon meeting the Grand Orator will deliver a lecture. The Grand Lodge will continue in session through Friday.

PENSION CHECKS RECEIVED.

Over \$3,000 Will be Distributed in New Hanover County.

Checks for New Hanover county Civil War pensioners were received at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court yesterday morning and are ready for distribution to those who are entitled to receive them. This is the gladdest season of the year for the veterans and the widows of veterans who are entitled to pensions from the State and the amount, though small, comes in mighty good at this time.

There are in this county 129 pensioners. The classes, the number in each class and the amount they receive are as follows: Three in second class, who will receive \$60 each; four in the third class, \$48 each; 122 in the fourth class, \$28 each, making a total of \$3,544. In the fourth class there are 72 veterans and 57 widows. There are 32 more pensioners in this county this year than last, due in a large measure to the change in the pension law at the last General Assembly as regards widows.

It has been stated that the number of pensioners in the State was decreasing, but there are those here who doubt the correctness of that statement. In this county, the smallest in the State, there are, as stated, 32 more pensioners than the year before and in the larger counties it is thought that the increase is very much greater. It is estimated that the pension roll for the State this year will reach \$475,000.

ANOTHER COTTON SUIT.

Civil Action Brought Against M. L. Marley, of Robeson County.

In Superior Court yesterday morning Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, Robeson county, for alleged failure to deliver to the plaintiffs at Maxton, N. C., 300 bales of cotton at 10 cents a pound according to contracts, one dated May 31st and the other June 9th, 1909. As in the other cases started recently, the plaintiffs are suing for the difference between the price they were to pay the defendant for the staple and what they had to pay for it on the open market, the difference in this instance being \$6,000. The plaintiffs further allege that the defendant undertook to settle the amount without suit and paid in cotton and commissions, \$3,612.82. The suit is to recover \$2,387.18, the remainder of the \$6,000. Rountree & Carr represent the plaintiffs.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Officers Elected for Ensuing Year on Monday Night.

Officers of the Wilmington Council, Knights of Columbus, were elected for the coming year at a meeting Monday night as follows:

Chaplain—Rev. Father C. Dennen. Grand Knight—Enoch L. Lee. Deputy Grand Knight—F. J. Dempsey. Chancellor—James J. Allen. Financial Secretary—B. M. Jones. Recorder—E. C. Hines. Warden—D. J. O'Keefe. Advocate—W. F. Jones. Inner Guard—James Bergan. Outer Guard—C. B. Applewhite. Trustees—H. T. Bauman, T. B. Carroll and T. Donlan.

Big Stock Electrical Fixtures. Mr. J. O. Brock, who conducts an electrical supply house at No. 123 Market street, has just received another large shipment of electric and gas fixtures. The attention of Christmas shoppers is especially called to the display. He has a large and most attractive line of portable and electric light and also carries an extensive stock of electric novelties. A visit from Christmas shoppers will be appreciated.

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HOW TO SEND XMAS PACKAGES

The Usual Instructions issued by the Express Company and the Postoffice—Christmas Shopping on in Earnest.

As Christmas draws nearer, the number of purchases in the Wilmington stores becomes greater and every day hundreds of shoppers are seen going from one establishment to the other in search of suitable gifts for loved ones and friends. According to some of the merchants the amount of purchases so far has been greater than up to the same date last year. Some merchants do not expect the holiday trade this year to be as great as last for various obvious reasons while others are anticipating greater sales.

The people seem to be patronizing the local merchants more extensively this season than heretofore which means that less money will be sent to mail order houses. The local merchants for the most part have laid in a complete line of holiday goods, offered at prices as attractive as the same goods can be purchased anywhere. Besides, the purchaser knows exactly what is being purchased from the local merchant for he has the privilege of inspecting the goods in every detail before leaving the store. In dealing with mail order houses a mistake often occurs and one gets an article entirely different from the one ordered and it is too late to make an exchange before the glad season.

The indications are that more than the usual number of Christmas packages—gifts for friends and loved ones at a distance—will be sent from Wilmington this season. Already the mails and the express company are carrying many such packages. And many have been received here from friends or relatives at a distance. Both the express and postoffice people urge early shipment or posting of packages as it not only makes it easier on those who have to handle the packages but assures prompt delivery.

The Southern Express Company has large placards printed, one containing the following, "Do not wait until the last day—ship your Christmas presents now," and showing the form of labels furnished by the company. At the top of the label is printed this, "Do not Open Until Christmas." And, on the placard, containing valuable information to Christmas shippers as follows:

"1. All packages of freight or merchandise should be properly packed so that all such ordinary necessary handling, as packages must have in transportation, will not result in the breakage of the contents. The strength of the box or wrapper must always be proportionate to the character or weight of the contents. All packages should be well tied, and should be plainly marked with a marking brush or a strong tag, or a label printed or written with plain black ink, and pasted on the package. 2. If there are any old marks on a package, they should be thoroughly obliterated. No package should be sent to the express office with two marks thereon, even though both marks should read alike. One mark is enough. 3. If there are two places of the same name in the same State, always put the name of the county on the package. When you send a package to a city, always give the full address of the consignee, the number of the house and the name of the street. It is always well to send a letter of advice by United States mail, notifying the consignee that you have sent a package by express. 4. Do not pack in the same box one class of matter that might injure another class. 5. Remember that glass will not carry without breakage unless properly packed. If you send a glass of jelly in a package of nice dress goods, and the glass breaks, you spoil your goods. 6. Do not put any money or valuables whatever into a freight package. The way to ship money is to put it in a package by itself and take a money receipt for it, otherwise the company is not responsible. When shipping packages, always tell the receiving clerk what the value is, so that such care may be given it as its value may require."

The following are the holiday instructions issued from the postoffice of the country:

"Packages should be securely wrapped and plainly addressed. The name and address of the sender preceded by the word 'from' should appear on all packages.

Packages should contain no writing, as writing will make the matter first-class, and subject the sender to a fine of \$10, except a single card bearing the written name of the sender and such inscriptions as 'Merry Christmas', 'Happy New Year', 'With best wishes', etc., may be enclosed with fourth-class matter without affecting its classification.

"In placing Christmas seals on fourth-class matter, be careful not to seal package, as that would make it first-class. Place the seals so that the package can be opened without breaking the Christmas seal."

"No Christmas seals are permitted on foreign mail.

"Have packages weighed and sufficient postage affixed. Fourth-class matter will not be forwarded without postage fully prepaid, the addressee being notified to send postage. Postage rates are: Sealed matter, 2 cents an ounce or fraction thereof; unsealed merchandise, one cent an ounce, or fraction thereof; printed matter, books, etc., 12 cent an ounce, or fraction thereof."

"The registration of packages is advised. Patrons will get prompter service and will materially assist an overworked office force by posting packages at the postoffice rather than at street mail boxes."

A Policeman's Testimony. J. N. Patterson, night policeman of Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last Winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two-thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Robt. R. Bellamy.

STATE CONVENTION HERE

Independent Order of Foresters to Meet Here in January—Ten Courts in the State—Local Court Elects Officers.

At last night's meeting of Court Cape Fear, No. 4906, Independent Order of Foresters, a resolution was adopted inviting the courts of the State to hold a convention here some time in January. A number of the courts have already signified their desire to hold a meeting here and it is believed that every court in the state will be represented at the meeting.

Messrs. H. Cole, M. Bachrach and B. D. Hamilton were named as the committee to make arrangements for the meeting and to decide upon the date after hearing from the other courts. There are ten courts in the State at present and the organizers state that they are all in a flourishing condition.

The local Foresters decided to contribute something to the Salvation Army to aid in preparing Christmas baskets for the poor and destitute of the city. A substantial collection was taken last night and other members will be seen by the committee today. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

Court Deputy—M. Bachrach. Je. Past Chief Ranger—B. D. Hamilton. Chief Ranger—W. Kellum. Vice Chief Ranger—W. A. Furlong. Recording Secretary—A. F. Wagoner. Financial Secretary—M. Bachrach. Treasurer—Henderson Cole. Orator—C. L. Schulken. Organist—B. McD. Reynolds. Senior Woodward—R. M. Schulken. Junior Woodward—L. Bradshaw. Senior Beadle—J. E. Haas. Junior Beadle—C. T. Whitehead. Trustees—Robt. Tucker and R. M. Schulken; financial committee, L. D. Bradshaw, A. Korsh and C. L. Schulken; court physicians, Drs. M. M. Caldwell, J. B. Cranmer and T. V. Moore.

The officers will be installed on the second Tuesday night in January.

AN AGITATION FOR JUSTICE.

Sorely Needed in South Carolina, Plea for Square Deal.

(Columbia State, Dec. 9th.) To the Editor of The Star:

Your editorial in the morning's State, "Facts About Railroads in This State," quoting from the Florence Times, opens the way to certain agitation which seems to be sorely needed. The Times inclines to the threadbare belief that corporations are a curse and should be "regulated." If they are not practically regulated off the face of the earth as in this State is concerned it is simply because occasionally we find people with more money than brains.

Referring locally to the Seaboard and the Southern Railway operating through Richland county, our courts are congested with damage suits against them for every conceivable cause, real or imaginary. Certain lands in Richland county have been paid for by these railroads year after year for burning over them, and they have in many instances paid for damage to these lands twice as much as the lands are actually returned for.

Fire claims are filed yearly after a fire when the poor corporation cannot even find a sign of the fire that did the damage and therefore have no means of arriving at any reasonable compromise. They clean off their rights of way as far as the law allows them. They provide every known method of preventing sparks from flying, and do everything the science and money can accomplish to prevent these fires. They are required to run their trains whether the wind blows or not and yet they are made to pay for accidental and unavoidable damage far in excess of the actual value of the land itself.

Little by little this disposition to rob corporations has grown in the minds of our jurors until it is almost useless for a corporation to face a jury, no matter what the evidence may be. As an instance, take a recent verdict against one of our cotton mills for \$10,000 simply because an employee was discharged and required to remain so forth as the mills were concerned.

The next step to this is that any employer is liable for damages for discharging an unfaithful employee and refusing to furnish him employment thereafter when he demands it. The line between such things and anarchy is finely drawn and if anybody can advocate any more drastic regulations than poor corporations are subjected to in this state, they would as well resign their charters. Who can have the face to invite capital to enter into a State where it is persecuted at every turn.

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VESSEL WILL TOW.

Tug Alexander Jones Will Carry the Schooner Mary A. Hall.

The schooner Mary A. Hall, Capt. Haskell, which went ashore near Cape Fear bar on the night of December 3rd, will be towed to New York by the tug Alexander Jones, Capt. Sanders, for repairs. The Jones will probably leave with her tow today.

It will be recalled that the Hall was towed to the city soon after the accident to her and while in port she has received minor repairs, which will enable her to be towed this distance. The schooner was leaking at the time she went ashore, and it required considerable repairs to place her in condition. The Hall was bound from Jacksonville to Boston, with cargo of lumber, when she went ashore.

Mr. Bedford Granted Divorce.

Friends of the family in this city will note with interest and surprise, the following item which appeared in a recent issue of the Richmond-Times Dispatch: "Mr. Ernest Bedford, a railroad employe, obtained a divorce from his wife, Alice Lee Bedford, in the Court of General Sessions today. The Bedfords formerly lived at Wilmington, N. C. The ground stated was desertion."

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BIG MASONIC CELEBRATION

Past Master's Jewels Presented by St. John's Lodge—Banquet Followed—Large Attendance and Splendid Addresses.

One of the most enjoyable Masonic celebrations in this city in a long time was that of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M. last night and the occasion will be long remembered as one of the most notable in the history of the lodge. At the regular communication there was an interesting presentation of Past Master's jewels and this was followed by an elaborate banquet in the banquet hall at which several splendid addresses were made.

Past Master E. S. Martin presented Past Master's Jewels to the following: each of whom has served two or more terms: Dr. J. E. Matthews, J. S. McEachern and J. C. Stout. The jewels were presented in the most appropriate short addresses and were feelingly accepted by the recipients. When the presentation of the jewels to the above named had been made, Col. A. M. Waddell arose and presented a Past Master's Jewel to Past Master E. S. Martin, who was taken so completely by surprise that words in which to express his appreciation failed him. This was one of the most pleasing features of the gathering. After the lodge adjourned the members went to the banquet room on the next floor, where two hours were spent most pleasantly.

The banquet was attended by about 140 persons. Mr. C. L. Meister was toastmaster and presided with dignity and grace. Short but most interesting addresses were made by the following: Dr. W. D. MacMillan, Orient Lodge, No. 335; Mr. R. C. Cantwell, Wilmington, No. 319; Dr. Edward H. Cranmer, Pythagoras, No. 249, Southport; Mr. John S. McEachern, St. John's, No. 1. The address of the evening was made by Col. W. W. Lumpkin, of Columbia, S. C., one of the most prominent Masons in the South. Seldom has it been the pleasure of the local Masons to hear such an eloquent address. Colonel Lumpkin made a most profound impression upon all within the banquet walls. He was applauded to the echo. Colonel Lumpkin is connected with the Georgia Railroad and is one of the most prominent business men of the Palmetto State as well as prominent in Masonic circles. He was the guest yesterday afternoon of Messrs. B. A. Merritt, John S. McEachern and E. W. Haselden for an automobile ride to the "Lighthouse," at Wrightsville, where an oyster roast was served. Colonel Lumpkin will leave on the early train this morning for his home.

St. John's Quartette, composed of Mr. W. R. Doshier, first tenor; Mr. A. L. Doshier, second tenor; Mr. W. A. McGirt, first bass; Mr. W. B. Muse, second bass, rendered several pleasing selections. During the evening and this proved one of the features of the gathering.

The officers of St. John's Lodge are: C. L. Meister, P. M.; Master; E. P. Bailey, senior warden; B. A. Merritt, P. M.; junior warden; P. B. Bell, treasurer; A. S. Holden, secretary; C. L. Haselden, senior deacon; J. W. Freeman, junior deacon; T. D. Love, senior steward; Graham Kennan, junior steward; Rev. J. A. Smith, chaplain; A. W. Allen, tiler. Entered Apprentice: Chas. N. Evans, C. F. W. Rehder, A. D. O'Brien and B. F. Keith; Fellow Craft: H. E. Longley, J. VanB. Meets, Edward Hall, John R. Hawes, J. Haughton James, Prof. Geo. L. Johnson.

SEABOARD CHANGES.

Afternoon Train Will Depart Later—Restore Pullman Service.

It is officially announced from the office of District Passenger Agent C. H. Gattis, of Raleigh, that effective on January 2nd there will be a slight change in the Seaboard Air Line schedule out of this city whereby train No. 39, which now leaves for Hamlet at 3:20 P. M. will leave at 4 P. M. instead, maintaining all its present connections at Hamlet. There will be no change in arrival and departures of other trains at Wilmington.

Still more important is the announcement that on this date or possibly just before the Christmas holidays if the cars can be obtained, the company will re-establish Pullman parlor car service between Hamlet and Wilmington.

With these changes the Seaboard will also re-establish its famous Seaboard Florida Limited between New York and Florida. This train will be operated during the tourist season and is in addition to the Seaboard's new fast train, "The Flamingo," established early in November.

MISSIONARY WORKER HERE.

Will Lecture at the Advent Christian Churches.

"Mrs. Sarah K. Taylor, of Friendship, Me., president of the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian denomination, is in the city for a few days. She will be present at the meeting of The Earnest Workers in the annex of the Fourth and Church Street Advent church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. On Sunday at 11 A. M. she will lecture in the Sixth Street Church on "Missions to the East Indies." and the Fourth and Church streets church at 7:45 P. M. Mrs. Taylor has recently returned from a visit to India, and as she is an able and interesting speaker, all who attend her lectures Sunday will be amply repaid. An opportunity to contribute something to the cause she represents will be given at all points. The public is cordially invited to hear her.

Before Justice Evans.

Justice W. McD. Evans had a rather interesting session of court yesterday morning as the result of a row at the home of one of the defendants, all of whom are white. Monday night, John Day was charged with assault on Mamie Potter; Mamie Potter was charged with assault on Nora Yates, and the latter was charged with assault on Mamie Potter. The defendants were arrested by Deputy Sheriff W. H. Howe. The justice found them guilty of simple assault and required them to pay the costs.

Good morning. Have you bought your Red Cross Christmas Stamps?

Y. M. C. A. OFFICERS.

Meeting Last Night of the Board of Directors—Committees.

The directors of the Y. M. C. A. held a meeting at the Association last night and elected officers for the ensuing year. The old officers were chosen for another term as follows: President—Dr. Joseph Akerman. Vice President—K. W. Price. Recording Secretary—Dr. J. W. Stanley. Treasurer—J. A. McGeachy.

The terms of Mr. B. F. Hall and Mr. C. W. Worth as trustees having expired, they were re-elected for three years.

The board of directors consists of the following, most of whom were present last night: Dr. J. W. Stanley, Dr. Joseph Akerman, Dr. J. H. Dreher, Messrs. H. W. Malloy, W. H. Sprunt, J. V. Grainger, W. B. Cooper, R. A. Brand, K. W. Price, J. T. King, L. B. Rogers, S. M. Boatwright, W. W. Koch, H. G. Fennell, and J. A. McGeachy.

The board instructed the physical work committee to increase the water supply in the bath rooms, and this will be done immediately. The reports of the various committees were very encouraging, especially that of the religious work committee, which reported that the attendance during the last month was the largest of the year and interest growing all the time.

The members of the board expressed approval of the work which was done by Messrs. Robinson and Johnson in the interest of the boys of the city. The boys' work will be enlarged and some new features will be tried as the result of the conferences with Messrs. Robinson and Johnson. President Akerman will announce the committees for the year within the next few days.

PERSONAL ALTERCATION.

Citizen and Attorney Exchange Words and Blows at Court House.

Making a personal matter of certain intimations of fraud and conspiracy in the allegations of the plaintiff in a suit in the Superior Court in this county entitled W. E. Worth against the Knickerbocker Trust Company and others involving an investment in the Rockingham Power Company, Capt. Donald MacRae, one of the defendants in the action, yesterday afternoon accused ex-Judge E. K. Bryan, leading counsel for Mr. Worth, in the office of the Register of Deeds at the Court House, and a sensational denunciation is alleged to have resulted in an exchange of blows between the attorney and the citizen. Messrs. Marsden Bellamy and Herbert McCullough were in the vault at the time engaged in professional work, but neither would make a statement for publication in regard to the affair. Maj. E. W. Van C. Lucas accompanied Capt. MacRae as a witness to his resentment of the personal affront which he regarded was contained in the allegations of the complaint. Neither of the two men engaged in the difficulty was hurt.

60 HOURS FROM NEW YORK.

Schooner Herbert May Made Unusually Good Trip to Wilmington.

Sixty hours from New York to the Cape Fear bar is the splendid voyage and almost record run of the schooner Herbert May, Capt. Black, which arrived in port Monday with cargo of cement for the Seaboard Air Line.

Capt. Black has a long string of records for his trim craft, but stated yesterday that this is probably the speediest he ever made, with the exception of a run from New York to Savannah, which he made in the same length of time that it took him to come here.

The schooner would have even surpassed this time had fair wind beer with her from Cape Hatteras to her destination. The May passed out by Sandy Hook at 5 o'clock on Wednesday, December 8th, and 60 hours from that time was off the Cape Fear bar. Capt. Black stated that he had fair wind from Sandy Hook to Hatteras, but then it shifted, and the schooner came much slower the balance of the distance.

PROPOSED FREIGHT LINE.

C. D. Maffitt Promoting Company to Operate Small Vessels.

Facilities for handling perishable goods by water route between Wilmington and points on the coast of Eastern Carolina, is the purpose of a company which will probably be organized here by the first of January with Capt. C. D. Maffitt, the well known ship chandler, as president.

The sharpie Carolyn, owned by Capt. Maffitt, has been fitted up and this will likely be the first of a number of other similar vessels which they propose to place in operation. Those who are behind the scheme have agreed upon the name as the Cape Fear and Coastwise Transportation Company. Mr. Thos. F. Wood will be secretary and treasurer when the organization is perfected.

Mr. Maffitt also has several power boats, which he proposes to use to advantage in transporting the small schooners from one point to another. The undertaking is one in which those who are interested are thoroughly interested, and should the company be launched, it will doubtless be carried out to success.

BIG SALE AT SOLKY'S.

Big Holiday Event at Popular Clothing Establishment for Holidays.

Of special interest to buyers of high-class clothing, gents' furnishings and the like will be the announcement of J. M. Solky & Co., which may be found on another page of today's Star. Just at this season of the year, the offerings of boys' and children's suits will be particularly interesting to parents and others who may have the young folks under their care. The store is making some special drives in these lines and an inspection of the stock or a look into the show windows is all that is needed to challenge the attention and admiration of the prospective buyer. But these are not all the special offerings at this up-to-date store which is just now chock-a-block with not only standard goods but all the new and latest novelties for the holidays. At any rate the invitation is very cordial from Mr. Solky and his corps of clever salespeople who would appreciate a call from their friends and the public generally.

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SOME MYSTERY HERE.

Identity of Man in Florida Hospital Interests Wilmington.

Many citizens of Wilmington are much interested in learning the identity of a young white man who lies in a hospital in St. Augustine, Fla., in a state of coma the result of a fearful beating received on the streets of that city some two weeks ago. In his delirium the young man utters the name of Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy, Wilmington, N. C., and the names of other Wilmington people.

With a view of ascertaining, if possible, the identity of the young man, Dr. DeWitt Webb, of the hospital, had a photograph of the young man taken and sent it to Dr. Bellamy Monday. Dr. Webb said of the young man, "Do you know this man? He was beaten and left almost dead more than two weeks since. He is recovering but cannot remember his name; his business or his home. He is a very intelligent, educated man. He calls to mind your name among others of Wilmington, but can't remember having been there." Dr. Bellamy did not recall ever having seen the young man and the picture was shown to several of his friends. Yesterday morning the picture was identified as that of a well known young man who formerly resided here. Dr. Bellamy then wired the information to Dr. Webb. It developed last night that the young man supposed to be in the Florida hospital was in Fayetteville, where he is now residing, and was communicated with over the long distance telephone by friends. Dr. Webb was informed by wire of the latest developments and further efforts will be made to ascertain the identity of the young man.

It is evident that the wounded man has an extended acquaintance in this city and it is probable that his identity will be established within the next few days.

Charged With Perjury. Charged with perjury in that he swore falsely in Superior Court last week in the case of J. C. McKoy vs. the Hilton Lumber Company, J. C. Medlin, 25 years old, a farmer of Northwest Brunswick county, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice George Harris late Monday afternoon. The warrant was sworn out by Mr. McKoy. It is alleged that Medlin swore in Superior Court that he did not sign a certain paper held by Mr. McKoy and that he could not write, and at the hearing before the justice witnesses testified that Medlin could write. Herbert McClammy, Esq., represented the prosecution. The justice found probable cause and bound the defendant over to next term of Superior Court, bond being fixed at \$50, which was given.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, Etc.

An interesting meeting of the Music Department of Sororals will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the club room on Princess street. Members are urged to be present.

The annual Christmas sale of the Parish Guild of St. John's Church was held in the Parish House yesterday afternoon. It was largely attended and the sale was a great financial success.

Monday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "His many friends are glad to see Mr. Morgan Turren, of Wilmington, formerly a resident of Fayetteville, in the city today."

A well attended and very enthusiastic meeting of the New Hanover State Normal Alumni Association was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Lydia Yates, No. 114 North Fourth street. At this meeting plans were very thoroughly discussed for several benefits soon to be given for the Melver Loan Fund, the first of which will be a sale of fancy articles at the home of Miss Yates this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Many articles of use for Christmas gifts will be offered and all friends of the alumnae and of the worthy cause they represent are most cordially invited to come and make purchases.

Friends in the city have received many engraved invitations bearing the following interesting announcement:

"Rev. and Mrs. Fred D. Hale invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Hattie Sue, to Charles Bailey Newcombe, Saturday evening, December twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and nine at seven-thirty o'clock, McKenna Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. At Home after January 1st, Wilmington, N. C."

The bride-elect formerly resided in this city, where her father was pastor of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Newcombe is an employee in the Atlantic Coast Line offices in this city.

BOYS' WORKERS LEAVE.

Messrs. Robinson and Johnson Go to Washington, N. C.

Mr. C. C. Robinson, international secretary of Boys' Work for the Southern States and Mr. J. C. Johnson, secretary of the students and boys' work of the Carolinas, who spent several days here in conference with prominent Y. M. C. A. and church workers, left yesterday afternoon for Washington, N. C., where they will hold similar meetings in the interest of the youth of that town. From Washington Mr. Robinson will go to Lynchburg, Va., and Mr. Johnson will go to Anderson, S. C. Mr. Robinson stated yesterday afternoon that remarkable interest in the work was shown by the people of this city and he expects great results from the meetings of the last few days. He will return to Wilmington for a few days' stay some time in February.

W. L. I. OFFICERS

Elected at a Meeting of Organization Last Night.

The annual election of officers of the Wilmington Light Infantry was held last night, resulting as follows: President, E. H. Holmes; vice president, E. F. Paschall; secretary and treasurer, P. L. Cantwell; historian, E. C. Dickinson; chaplain, Rev. Dr. A. D. McCune. The following were named as the armory and finance committee, Captain E. A. Motts, E. C. Hines, and H. K. Nash, Jr. Mr. J. B. Lynch, who was president of the organization last year, has moved away. Mr. Holmes, who was elected president, was vice president of the committee in making the production a great success.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Several issued Recently From Office of Building Inspector.

Permits have recently been issued from the office of Building Inspector H. E. Bonitz, as follows:

Henry Gieschen, two-story nine-room residence on Grace, between Fourth and Fifth; estimated cost, \$2,000.

E. A. King, two-story, eight-room residence on Orange, between Eighth and Ninth streets; estimated cost, \$2,000.

Brady Loftin, one-story, four-room house on 11th, between Queen and Wooster streets; estimated cost, \$500.

J. M. Henry, two one-story, four-room houses, on Eighth, between Marsteller and Kidder streets; estimated cost, \$300 each.

Joint Installation of Officers.

The joint installation of the newly elected officers of Jeff Davis Council, No. 63, and George Washington Council, No. 67, J. O. U. A. M., will be held the first Thursday night in January, and a committee is now hard at work on the arrangements for the event. After the installation of officers several addresses will be made and an elaborate supper served. The Juniors propose to make this one of the biggest celebrations in the history of the order in this city.

THE GOULD INTERESTS.

Probably Build New Line From Richmond to Washington.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14.—It is understood that an order will be entered by the State Corporation Commission tomorrow, allowing amendments to the present charter of the Richmond & Chesapeake Railway Company, the Gould property at present operating a trolley line between Richmond and Ashland, Va., under which the company will be granted the right to build a railroad to be operated by any kind of motive power from its present terminus at Ashland to Alexandria, Va., thereby furnishing a new route between Richmond and Washington or else to a point on the Potomac river in Stafford county or King George county, Va.

The Theatre

The storm of Monday really made the opening day of the new bill at the Crystal Palace, so far as the attendance went, and large audiences were on hand to enjoy the present delightful bill. The offering this week is decidedly out of the ordinary and is catching the fancy of the amusement lovers, as they like plenty of singing and dancing, and there is an abundance of this strong combination this week. There is never a dull moment from the time the curtain rises until it descends on the last act, and fun waxes fast and furious. The blackface team of Bailey and Taylor is making a tremendous hit, but all the other acts are good ones. Miss Ollie Wood, dancing soubrette, is especially pleasing to the youngsters, as she does a clever "Buster Brown" act.

Numbers are still being given out at every performance on the big \$15 doll and the date when the doll will be drawn for will likely be announced at the Palace today.

At the Bijou Today. "The Best Man Wins", a clever little comedy of the wild and woolly West, is the title of the feature picture that will be shown at the popular Bijou theatre today. The pretty daughter of a ranch owner decides to marry the one of her many admirers who is the first to return from the county seat with the necessary papers. It is an exciting race, you may imagine.

Miss Thurston Scored a Hit. Miss Adelaide Thurston, in "Contrary Mary," made her first appearance before a Wilmington audience at the Academy of Music last night. The house was very small, in fact, the empty seats were very conspicuous ones. Those who witnessed the production went to the theatre expecting much, and were not disappointed in the least. Miss Thurston made a hit and when she plays a return engagement in Wilmington she will doubtless be greeted by a crowded house, as she deserves. The supporting company was much above the average.

WINNERS IN THE SOUTH.

Four Boys Awarded Diplomas of Merit by Secretary of Agriculture.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Diplomas of merit were presented by Secretary Wilson, at the Department of Agriculture, to Bascom Usher, of South Carolina; De Witt Landry, of Mississippi; Elmer Hutter, of Arkansas; and Ralph Bellwood, of Virginia—all boys under 18 years—for special proficiency in agricultural pursuits.

The recipients of the awards are among the 12,500 in the boys' demonstration work in the South. Each planted one acre of corn and cultivated it under instructions from the Department of Agriculture. Dr. S. C. Knapp, who has charge of the work in the South, offered a trip to Washington to the boy in Mississippi who should obtain the best results. The State Bankers' Association of Arkansas, offered a similar reward in that State, citizens of Virginia and South Carolina duplicated the offers in those States. Thousands of dollars of prizes were awarded this year throughout the South, the basis of the rewards being the profits, written records, exhibits of products and yield per acre. The greatest yield did not get the prize in every instance. The diploma winner from South Carolina made 152 1/2 bushels per acre; 147 bushels were made in Mississippi; 135 bushels in North Carolina and 122 bushels in Virginia. The club average was about 60 bushels.

All Southern States are making arrangements to send the prize winners to Washington next year.

In an address to the boys Secretary Wilson declared that they and the boys engaged in like work are "the only hope we have for the continued greatness and prosperity of the country." He pointed out that the South now, in agriculture and manufacturing was prospering as never before, because the men and women of the South had put into the work their own energy and ability, and in no sense were dependent upon the capital or the industry of people from other parts of the country.

"These diplomas," he concluded, "are unique. No boys ever have received a similar recognition of their merit. Nothing I have done since I have been Secretary of Agriculture has given me more pleasure than to present them to you. You have earned them. You have begun right. You now are in line to achieve the highest honors of your respective States."

RATES UNREASONABLE.

Will Investigate Steamship Lines and Railroads.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Allowances paid by the railroads and some steamship lines for the lighterage of freight in and about the harbor of New York City are to be investigated by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Complaints have reached the Commission that the payment by carriers for the transfer by water in the harbor of New York for freight transported over their lines is unlawful and unreasonable.

To determine precisely what the situation is the Commission has instituted an inquiry into the subject with a view to issuing an order requiring the carriers to cease the payment of the allowances if they should be found to be unlawful or unreasonable.

Among the lines made defendants are the Ocean Steamship Company, of Savannah, the Old Dominion Line, the Mallory Steamship Company, the Southern Pacific Company—Atlantic Steamship Lines—and the Clyde Steamship Company.

Stephen Harbert, who recently observed his 100th birthday, died at his home at Columbus Texas, yesterday. He was born in Virginia in 1809 and came to Texas in 1852.

Valeria Makes Pale Sickly Children. The Old Standard GROCER'S TASTELESS CHILI TONIC, drives out malaria and builds up the system. For grown people and children, 50c.

LOCAL DOTS.

—By deed filed for record yesterday W. M. Cumming and wife transferred to Mary J. Macon, for \$300, lot on northeast corner of 11th and Wooster streets, 35x100 feet in size.

—Ada Hilton, colored, was required to pay costs in Justice George Harris' court yesterday on the charge of assault on Lizzie Watson at a restaurant on Red Cross, between 11th and 12th streets.

—Wesley Yarborough, a well known and highly respected colored barber, and his wife, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Monday night at their home on Church street. Wesley has numerous white friends as well as colored and he and his wife were the recipients of congratulations from members of both races.

—There were only two defendants in the Recorder's court yesterday morning. James Robinson, colored, arrested Monday night on the charge of stealing sardines from the Wilmington Produce Co., was given a hearing. It appeared that the negro was drinking and that he went in the store to buy the sardines. Judgment was suspended.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Cary Woman Sliced Her Throat With Razor.

Cary, N. C., Dec. 14.—Early this morning neighbors were awakened by the screams of Mr. Henry Seagraves, who had found his wife in the barn with her throat cut. A relative, Mrs. Goodwin, living with the family, recently operated on, caused members of the family to be up a great portion of the night and before day this morning Mrs. Seagraves was missed by Mr. Goodwin and he suggested to Mr. Seagraves that he make a search for his wife. After making a search over the house and premises he found his wife in the back part of the barn with her throat slashed on one side with a razor. Blood covered the clothing and when found she was unconscious. Neighbors answered the loud screams of the husband and assisted in placing the wife on the bed where she was soon attended by Dr. Templeton. All the while the woman begged that nothing be done for her and asked the doctor to let her die. At 9 o'clock this morning she was thought to be improving and had a slight chance to live. She is the mother of two grown sons and no cause is given for her rash act.

A. P. IN NICARAGUA.

Big News Gathering Agency Well Represented There.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Associated Press has experienced staff correspondents on both the Pacific and Atlantic sides of Nicaragua. Christian D. Hagerty, of the Chicago office, is at Bluefields, and Walter E. Tisne, of the New York office, is at Managua. Their despatches have been accurate and have come forward promptly, and have represented conditions of either side of Nicaragua in their true light. Both men were sent to Central America as soon as the situation there warranted the presence of staff correspondents.

CONDUCTOR ROBBED.

Knocked Down and Relieved of All His Money.

Salisbury, Dec. 14.—Capt. Walter Hess, a conductor on the Southern Railway yards here, was viciously assaulted and robbed yesterday shortly after midnight in an alley near the Southern passenger station. In passing between two buildings he was knocked down by an unknown white man who relieved him of all the money he could find and fled. The conductor, who attempted to defend himself, was badly beaten up before a policeman arrived. From clues furnished by him one or more arrests are expected.

HOTEL FORSYTH SOLD

Property Deal Put Through at Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 14.—A deal has practically been closed for the transfer of the Hotel Forsyth property on the corner of Third and Chestnut streets, near the Union station, and the consideration is \$35,000. The property formerly belonged to the A. F. Messick Grocery Company and the purchaser is Mr. R. S. Noah, of Pennsylvania. The new owner says that he will spend about \$5,000, at once, in making improvements in the building.

WRIT OF ERROR FOR STATE.

Case Involving Powers of Corporation Commission in Virginia.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14.—The State of Virginia was granted a writ of error in the Supreme Court of Appeals today in the case of the Board of Trade against the Louisville & Nashville and the Norfolk & Western and the Interstate Railroad companies, all of which enter Norton. The Corporation Commission decided recently that it had no power to compel all the roads to use the same terminal facilities for passengers whereupon the board appealed.

MEDAL FOR PEARY.

Annual Dinner of National Geographic Society.

Washington, Dec. 14.—President William L. Moore announces the completion of all arrangements for the annual dinner of the National Geographic Society tomorrow night, upon which occasion Commander Robert N. Peary will be presented with a medal as a decoration from the society. The medal, which has been specially designed and inscribed by the society, will be an official recognition of Commander Peary's success in reaching the North Pole.

MASONS PAY TRIBUTE.

Placed Wreath on Geo. Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Today being the 110th anniversary of the death of George Washington, the Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons in accordance with its annual custom, placed a handsome memorial wreath on the tomb of the first President at Mount Vernon, Va.

The members of Washington's old lodge were joined today by representatives of the Fredericks, Va., lodge, which also placed a wreath on the tomb.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. R. D. Carr, of Magnolia, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

—Mr. E. E. Murphy, of Atkinson, arrived in the city last night on a business trip.

SEVEN PERISH IN FIRE.

Deaths in Tenement Fire in Cincinnati Yesterday—Seven Injured.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 14.—Seven persons lost their lives, seven others were injured, two probably fatally and about 50 others had narrow escapes in a fire which destroyed an old wooden tenement and lodging house at Third and Sycamore streets early today.

The fire started on the second floor following the upsetting of a kerosene lamp during a quarrel between the tenants.

PELLAGRA CONFERENCE.

Physicians of Four States Meet at Gulfport to Discuss Problem.

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 14.—A pellagra conference attended by physicians from Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, convened here today. The program includes papers and discussions by prominent specialists at the two days' session.

Freight Agents Confer.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 14.—The Southeastern Mississippi Valley association, composed of freight agents of lines south of Louisville, met here today in annual session. M. H. Washburn of Louisville presided.

Resolutions prepared by a committee selected at a meeting of Central American residents of Mexico City, denouncing the action of the United States in reference to Nicaragua and President Zelaya were mailed yesterday to President Taft and Secretary Knox. They were ratified at a mass meeting of members of the Central American colony Tuesday night.

James R. Conway, who has been on trial at Richmond, Va., several days for the killing of Robert E. Torrence, the case being one of great local interest, was acquitted yesterday evening on the ground of self-defense. The jury was out just 13 minutes.

National Bank Examiner F. W. Bryant has closed the Farmers National Bank at Tulsa, Okla. The suspension follows the closing of the Oklahoma Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City, both having been controlled by W. L. Norton. The Farmers National was established in 1906.

The Descending Scale.

"The first letter John ever wrote to me," said a married woman to her friend, "was shortly after we had become acquainted and before there was really anything like an understanding between us. This is the way he signed it:

"Yours, my dear Miss Weston, most sincerely,

JOHN HAMILTON EASTON.

"There, you see, were ten words—enough for a telegram—just to bring a commonplace friendly letter to an end. But after we became engaged his first letter to me was signed in this way:

"Yours, my darling, affectionately,

JOHN.

"That, you will observe, was a reduction of 50 per cent from his conclusion as a mere friend. The first letter he ever wrote to me after we were married was signed:

"Yours,

JOHN."

She stopped for a moment and sighed and then continued:

"We have been married seventeen years now. Yesterday I received a letter from him. Here is the way it was signed:

"J."

Settled the Duel.

Lord March, afterward the Marquis of Queensberry, was not accustomed to view a duel with unbecoming apprehension and usually attended an affair with an air of enjoyment that often was decidedly displeasing and embarrassing to his adversary. But he was served at last with that saucer which the proverb explains is for the gaudier as well as for the goose. It was when he was challenged to fight an Irish sportsman, Lord March appeared on the ground accompanied by a second, surgeon and other witnesses. His opponent arrived soon afterward with a similar retinue, but added to by a person who staggered under the weight of a polished oak coffin, which he deposited on the ground, end up, with its lid facing Lord March and his party. Lord March became decidedly uncomfortable when he read the inscription plate, engraved with his own name and title and the date and year of death, and peace was patched up.

A Legal Query.

Tired of the long winded oratory of the attorney for the defense, the judge interrupted him.

"Mr. Sharke," he said, "may I ask you a question?"

"Certainly, your honor. What is it?"

"Language," said the judge, "we are told, is given to conceal thought or words to that effect. Inasmuch as you don't seem to have any thought to conceal, I would like to know why you are talking?"

Not Misfits.

Mrs. Crimmonbeak—It seems strange to me, if matches are made in heaven, that there should be so many unhappy marriages. Mr. Crimmonbeak—Oh, you forget it is the matches that are made there, not the misfits.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Fall.

"Satan wuz once an angel in heaven, wuzn't he?"

"Yea, but, like de rest of us, he des couldn't stand prosperity."—Atlanta Constitution.

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SALE OF N. & W. STOCK.

Kuhn, Loeb & Company Purchased

15,000 Shares From Treasury.

New York, Dec. 14.—Announcement was made today that Kuhn, Loeb & Co. had purchased 15,000 shares of common stock of Norfolk & Western Railway company from the treasury of the company. The purchase price was not given and it was stated there would be no public offering of the stock.

The Norfolk & Western is practically controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad and today's purchase is believed to be in the interest of the Pennsylvania.

AMERICAN BISHOPS.

Lawn Sleeves Granted Two Americans by the Pope Yesterday.

Rome, Dec. 14.—Pope Pius today appointed two American bishops. The Rev. M. F. Fallon of the Provincial Oblates of Buffalo is made bishop at London, Canada, and the Rev. James O'Reilly, of Minneapolis, who has been rector of St. Anthony of Padua, becomes bishop at Fargo, N. D.

Stephen M. Noble committed suicide at his home in Trent township near Kingston, N. C. Sunday afternoon by shooting two 32-calibre bullets into his head, producing almost instant death. No reason was given for the act other than he has been drinking heavily and in a fit of despondency took his own life.

Directions for Cuts in Horses.—Contents of small bottle Painkiller (Perry Davis') in quart bottle, add pint warm or cold water, sweeten with molasses, shake well until all mixed. Give about half at once, then balance in fifteen minutes, if first dose is not sufficient. This will be found a never-failing remedy. 35c. for a large bottle. Also in 25c. and 50c. sizes.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 14.
SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market nothing doing.
ROBIN—Market steady \$3.60 per barrel.
TALL—Market firm \$3.50 per barrel.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, \$2.50 per barrel for hard; \$4.00 for dip and \$4.00 for virgin.
Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin steady \$2.50; tall \$3.50; crude turpentine firm \$1.50; \$2.00 and \$2.75.

Spirits turpentine . . . 10
Rosin . . . 10
Tall . . . 10
Crude turpentine . . . 27
Receipts, same day last year—spirits turpentine 75 barrels rosin; 114 barrels tall; 46 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Middling quiet 14 5/8 cents.
Same day last year—Quota, 8 7/8 cents.
Receipts—1,402 bales, same day last year 2,100 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 14th.)
PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65¢; extra prime 72¢; fancy 68¢; Virginia prime 65¢; extra prime 70¢; Spanish 60¢.
CORN—Firm 90¢ per bushel for mixed.
S. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18¢; shoulders 14¢; sides 14¢.
EGGS—Good demand 26¢ per dozen.
CHICKENS—Spring 20¢; grown 30¢.
BEEF—Firm at 28¢.
PORK—Firm at 28¢ per pound.
SWEET POTATOES—Dull 40¢ per bushel for new yams.
WOLLS—Burr 18¢; head of burr 24¢.
POKES—Small 10¢ per pound; large 9¢.
SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, old \$1.20; dressed 18¢.
TURKEYS—Good demand 15¢ per lb; dressed 18¢.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14.—The cotton market was less active than yesterday, but the tendency evidently being to even up commitments in advance of the holidays and for the closing reports due next Monday. The close was steady at a net decline of 19 points to an advance of 2 points, new crop position being relatively firm.

The market opened steady at an advance of 1 to 11 points in response to better cables and a combination of the bull support inspired by the low crop estimate of last Friday.

Realizing was extensive, and after a few minutes of hesitation the market developed a gradually existing tendency which carried prices off to a net loss of about 12 to 13 points during the afternoon with January selling at 14 and May at 15 1/2.

There was good buying at the decline, with large Wall Street houses taking large amounts of May below 15 1/2 while some of the big spot interests were persistent buyers on a scale down. The close was a shade up from the lowest on the active months, but apprehensive of increased realizing with the close approaching, holders operated against general buying for long account. Rumors from Memphis that the report of the National Finance Association would show a 3,000,000 bales surplus for December 15th helped to steady the market at the decline while reports from the north indicated no change of consequence in the spot situation. Southern spot markets officially closed at a net decline of 1 1/2 to 1 1/4 lower. Cables from Liverpool reported a good demand from the continent and Alexandria was 12 points higher on Egyptian cotton.

Receipts at the ports today were 44,742 bales against 44,141 last week and 102,216 last year. For the week 200,000 bales against 189,384 last week and 411,772 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 9,291 bales against 22,576 last year and at Houston 3,474 bales against 27,251 last year.

Spot closed quiet; 10 points lower; middling uplands 15 1/2; middling 15 1/2; sales.

Futures opened steady and closed steady.
Month 14 1/2
January 15 1/2
February 15 1/2
March 15 1/2
April 15 1/2
May 15 1/2
June 15 1/2
July 15 1/2
August 15 1/2
September 15 1/2
October 15 1/2

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 15; net receipts 22,361; stock 22,751.
New Orleans—Quiet, 15; net receipts 9,291; stock 15,455.
Mobile—Dull, 15; net receipts 553; stock 47,570.
Savannah—Firm, 15 5/8; net receipts 6,228; stock 128,515.
Charleston—Firm, 14 3/4; net receipts 230; stock 32,163.
Wilmington—Quiet, 14 3/4; net receipts 1,492; stock 18,000.
Norfolk—Steady, 15; net receipts 3,000; stock 38,393.
Baltimore—Nominal, 15 1/8; stock 15,954.
New York—Quiet, 15 1/2; stock 125,744.
Boston—Quiet, 15 1/2; net receipts 61.
Philadelphia—Steady, 15 1/2; net receipts 1.
Port Townsend—Net receipts 800; stock 964.
Georgetown—Net receipts 52.
Total today, at all ports, net receipts 44,742; Great Britain 7,000; Continent 25; Japan 807; stock 1,402,831.
Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 101,291; Great Britain 10,667; a range 3,051; Continent 25,408; Japan 807.
Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 4,200,150; Great Britain 1,229,167; France 652,707; Continent 1,339,907; Japan 18,894; Mexico 8,775.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15; net receipts 5,474; stock 107,101.
Augusta—Steady, 15; net receipts 1,099; stock 66,279.
Memphis—Steady, 15 1/4; net receipts 2,061; stock 208,225.
St. Louis—Steady, 15 1/4; net receipts 261; stock 40,619.
Cincinnati—14 3/4; net receipts 295; stock 7,900.
Little Rock—Quiet, 15 3/4; net receipts 615; stock 20,786.
Louisville—Firm.
Total today—Net receipts 10,553; gross receipts 12,553; shipments 13,581; sales 6,353; stock 451,636.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.—Spot dull, prices 2 points higher. American middling fair 8 5/8; good ordinary 8 1/4; middling 8 1/4; good ordinary 7 3/4; ordinary 7 1/4.
The sales of the day were 7,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 6,700 American. Receipts 18,000 bales including 1,000 American.
Futures opened firm and closed quiet. December 7 3/4; December and January 7 3/4; January and February 7 3/4; February and March 7 3/4; March and April 7 3/4; April and May 8 1/4; May and June 8 1/4; June and July 8 1/4; July and August 7 3/4; August and September 7 3/4; September and October 7 3/4; October and November 7 3/4; November and December 6 3/4.

LICK BROS. & CO. COTTON LETTER.

New York, Dec. 14.—Today's cotton market was irregular and somewhat reactionary. There was very little news bearing on the situation aside from the usual rumors preceding the issuance of the National Finance report. Consignments to Memphis placed this at 9,300,000 bales; or a showing of about 480,000 bales for the period. This would compare with about 900,000 last year, 1,043,000 two years ago and more than 1,400,000 three years ago. Southern spot markets were fairly steady as a result of considerable cotton being called by mills. News from the cloth markets is more encouraging than it has been and

Liverpool cables stated that feeling was more friendly to the market as it was believed that the statistical position from now on would grow much stronger.
DICK BROS. & CO.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14.—The dry goods market for stocks and shipments are large. Jobbers are working on their inventories. Retail trade of a holiday character continues active. Cotton goods are firmer and show a tendency to further advances. Woolen overcoats are to be opened for full tomorrow at prices ranging from 10 to 20 per cent. above last season's figures.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14.—The stock market today was characterized by the wide fluctuations in stock prices and the prominence in the dealings. The sudden awakening to activity of these at advancing prices was accompanied by some cases by "lead" rumors and in other cases had no other apparent cause than the purpose of market makers to adjust the price level to conform to earlier movements at other points in the list. Such signs of investment buying as were seen today were in some of the high grade railroad stocks. The speculative movement today was halting and irregular. The strength of the market seemed to be taken advantage of to effect some distribution of stocks, and the tone of drooping hereafter. The action of Reading was a large sympathetic effect in this result. That stock after strength, sold off on reports that the meeting of directors act on the dividend would be held tomorrow. Attention was attracted by a report that the stock market was speculative and that a sign preferred stock for subscription to employees this year in pursuance of the profit-sharing plan instead of common stock, for which the employees were allowed to subscribe at 50 last January. There was a feeling in stock market circles that the tendency of the American Tobacco case decision by the Supreme court at Washington will prove a drag on speculative enthusiasm. Preparations for enforcing the corporation tax and the incidents of publicity involving in the process a case of disquiet to corporations. Adroit use is being made in the operation of the carrying rumors of the merger of the societies of gasolin corner properties.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, were \$2,520,000. United States 2s advanced 1-8 per cent. on call. Total sales for the day were \$69,500.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14.—Money on call firm, 3 1/4 to 5 per cent. Prime 4 1/8, closed 4 1/2, offered at 4 1/2. Time loans weaker; sixty days 4 1/2 to 4 3/4, and ninety days 4 1/2 to 4 3/4; six months 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1/2; sterling exchange firm with actual business in gradually existing tendency which carried prices off to a net loss of about 12 to 13 points during the afternoon with January selling at 14 and May at 15 1/2.

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture.
Weather Bureau.
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 15, 1909.
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Tuesday, Dec. 14th:
Temperature at 8 A. M. 36 degrees; 8 P. M. 45 degrees; maximum 56 degrees; minimum 36 degrees; mean 46 degrees.
Rainfall for the day .00; for the month 1.75 inches.
Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Monday 1.8 feet with prospects of rise.

Weather Forecast.
For North Carolina—Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday; light west winds becoming variable.

Port Calendar—Dec. 15.
Sun Rises.....7:04 P. M.
Sun Sets.....5:04 P. M.
Sun's Length.....9 hrs. 45 min.
High water at Southport 9:37 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 12:37 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Gen. Hounet—Holidays.
J. M. Solky & Co.—Sale.
Crystal Palace—Big Bill.
Tidewater Power Co.—Schedule.
Wm. F. Spilner & Co.—Hardware.
J. H. Hicks Bunting Drug Co.—Don't Be Bashful.
Business Locals.
Charles Wessell—Lost.
Palace Market—Oranges.
For Sale—Upright Piano.
Wanted—To Rent Cottage.
These 12—Candy Boxes.
Wanted—Position as Driver.
Buckley Bros.—Cooking Butter.
The Hicks Co.—Sweet Oranges.
J. O. Brock—Holiday Shoppers.
J. O. Hinton—Fox Terrier Stolen.
J. T. Albory—Candy Boxes.
J. W. Alderman & Sons Co.—Wanted.
Melver Loan Fund—Sale of Fancy Articles.

HEARST SAYS NEW PARTY

Predicts That New Political Organization Will Appear.

New York, Dec. 14.—William Randolph Hearst is looking ahead to the time when an entirely new political party shall make its appearance. And this time, he said tonight, as he addressed a non-partisan gathering in his honor at the Hotel Astor is not far off. "I believe that sooner, rather than later," he said, "a party will be formed which will definitely represent the progressive ideas which a majority of the citizens of the United States are coming to entertain."

"I do not know how that party will be formed, but when it is formed I shall unreservedly support it and work with it and fight for it in any condition to which I shall be assigned."
These are Mr. Hearst's views on National politics as expressed before 1,200 "friends of good government" who gave him a banquet tonight in appreciation of his services in the recent municipal campaign. At that time he ran to defeat as the independent head of the fusion ticket.

Mr. Hearst paid his compliments to both Democrats and Republicans and expressed his disapproval of the progressive Democrats, who formed the Democratic League at Saratoga not long ago.

"I would like to tell the Saratoga sages," he said, "that what the Democratic party needs is not reorganization but resurrection. It is now being organized by the gentlemen, who were responsible for its wreck."

Pronounced Republicans, Democrats and independents attended the banquet.

DR. ZELAYA IN TROUBLE.

Nephew of Nicaraguan President Faces Love Crisis in New York.

New York, Dec. 14.—Trouble in the well known Zelaya family is not confined to Nicaragua. While Uncle Jose, the president of that republic, is worrying over internal affairs, Dr. Anibal Zelaya, his nephew, is facing a crisis in a love affair in New York.

After an interval of two years the breach of promise suit instituted against young Zelaya by Miss Juliette Hero, a maid of Grecian descent, came up for trial today in the Supreme Court. The plaintiff wants \$100,000 heart balm because, as she alleges, Zelaya, as a student at Columbia University in 1907 ardently wooed, but did not wed, Zelaya, denies that he ever really proposed to Miss Hero, but she says she has 200 odd letters to prove it.

Asked if there was any formal announcement of her engagement to young Zelaya, the plaintiff replied that at a dinner party in July, 1907, Zelaya had lifted a wine glass and proposed to her mother, saying "Here's hoping that I may become your future son-in-law."

"Did he kiss you?" asked her lawyer.
"He always did," she replied.
Up to the time that the defendant ceased his attentions to you did you love him?" she was asked.

"I did," replied Miss Hero, "but when his ardor cooled, he dropped me entirely and I did not see him for two years."

The trial adjourned until tomorrow with the plaintiff on the stand.

TO STUDY NEGRO PROBLEM

Sir Herbert Fisher, of England, Makes Visit to the South.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14.—Among governor Swanson's visitors today was Sir Herbert Fisher, of England, a historian of note and a lecturer at the University of Oxford. He has come to this country for the purpose of studying the negro problem in the South with a view to applying the information he may obtain to solution of Great Britain's similar problem in South Africa. He is highly endorsed by Ambassador Bryce.

POOH! POOH! THEY SAY

Managers of Steamship Lines Scoff at Steamer Report.

New York, Dec. 14.—"Poooh, poooh!" and a shrug of the shoulders is the substance and manner of the replies given today by half a dozen managers of the largest steamship lines here to the representative of the special commission appointed by Congress to investigate conditions on board ship among immigrant brought to American ports.

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Every Red Cross stamp a Bullet in the Fight Against Tuberculosis.

THE SNEAD MYSTERY.

Details in Death of Young Woman Presented to Jury.

New York, Dec. 14.—The mysterious case of Mrs. Okey W. M. Snead, the young woman who was found dead in the bath house at East Orange, N. J., where she had lived with her aunt, Miss V. A. Ardie, now held for the murder, was presented to the jury of Essex county of New Jersey yesterday.

The signature of Okey Snead attached to an affidavit and which the officials are satisfied is authentic and therefore valuable for purposes of comparison, was unearthed today. This new example of the bath tub victim's handwriting, it is believed, will aid materially in clearing up the authenticity of the disputed suicide note.

Handwriting expert Kinsley had testified that the examples of Mrs. Snead's writing which he had were insufficient for him to judge whether or not the note found near Mrs. Snead's clothing beside the tub was genuine. This note is now generally considered the crux of the case.

Chief Justice Gummere in charging the grand jury instructed its members in regard to their duty in considering the Snead case. "It is your duty," he said, "to try to determine what Mrs. Okey W. M. Snead did voluntarily or by the hand of another. That she did not die by the hand of another is not quite plain."

Justice Gummere said that the issue in the case seemed to rest upon the authenticity of the suicide note found on the young woman's clothes.

"At the time of her death and for a period prior thereto," he continued, "it is said there were only two persons in the Orange house, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, the aunt, and the dead woman herself. At the time the body was found a note referred to the clothing of Mrs. Snead. If she wrote that her death was the result of her own act. But if she did not, the presumption is equally strong that her death was the result of the action of another."

He urged the jurors to give the case their careful and closest scrutiny and if in the evidence presented they found probable ground of guilt they should indict for murder.

PRESIDENT TAFT AT YALE.

Spoke to Business Men of Connecticut—Waterway Views.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 14.—President Taft told the business men of Connecticut many of the facts about the annual banquet of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, but as he did not rise to speak until 11:30 he was unable to more than touch upon some of the problems which are facing the country in a financial way before it was time for him to leave and catch the Federal express for Washington tonight.
The banquet brought together fully 1,100 men of business prominence in the State and the dining at Yale was the scene. The President attended a meeting of the Yale corporation in the afternoon and held a short reception before the banquet.

President Taft, of Yale, and Governor Weeks also spoke briefly. President Taft said that he felt the occasion opportune to speak to the business men on the question as to whether we are to have money enough to run the government. He explained the unexpected increase in the cost of the Panama canal, touched upon the need of waterways but declared he did not favor issuance of bonds before work is begun, nor the forming of a "pot" into which each section could dip its hand. He did believe, he said, in having waterway improvement go ahead without delay and as economically as possible and without waiting until political expediency demanded it. The President predicted that more business-like methods of conducting the finances of the country were sure to be adopted so that the expenditures, though becoming less would not prevent the increasing of the scope of departments and the creating of new bureaus which would make for the general welfare of the people. Amid Yale cheers the President closed and left for his train.

FARMING IN THE SOUTH.

Dr. Knapp Devises Scheme for Greater Agricultural Prosperity.

Washington, Dec. 14.—A somewhat unique campaign of education is to be undertaken in January by Dr. S. A. Knapp, of the Department of Agriculture, in charge of the farm demonstration work in the South, which will have for its object a discussion of the farm methods and policies of the various States and the means for bringing about greater agricultural prosperity. The trip is being arranged by the Southern Railway and is undertaken at the suggestion of that company.

There will be a series of eight or nine addresses, each treating directly of the agricultural work and conditions in the community or State visited. The entire series making a collected study of farm life, methods, opportunities and possibilities in the Southeastern States. The meetings will be held at Lynchburg, Va., Charlotte, N. C., Greenville, S. C., Macon, Ga., Jacksonville, Fla., Anniston and Huntsville, Ala., West Point and Greenville, Miss., Memphis, Tenn., and Lexington, Ky.

GEO. WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

Gen. Clement A. Evans Enthusiastically Endorses Idea.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Gen. Clement A. Evans, of Georgia, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, has pledged the support of his organization to the building of a \$2,500,000 George Washington Memorial Hall at Washington, D. C. In a letter received today by Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, who is heading a movement to provide adequate quarters for all National, patriotic and other societies.

"We commend every effort to continue in this country," General Evans wrote, "the ascendancy of the name of George Washington. Your purpose accords with the desire and hope of this great patriotic Southern organization, that our country shall be the most enlightened, useful, united government in the world."

Also on your Christmas Letters and Packages—the Red Cross stamp.

UNITED STATES APPEALS.

Will Go to Circuit Court With 'White Slave' Case.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14.—Judge Waddill, in the United States District Court here today, allowed to the United States an appeal in three habeas corpus cases arising under the immigration act touching what is known as the "white slave traffic."

Sadie M. Sprung, Rebecca Bloom and Abraham Bloom, with two infant Bloom children, were arrested by the immigration inspector at Norfolk, and after an investigation by him, ordered deported. They sued out writs of habeas corpus, which were returnable and heard by Judge Waddill on June 14th, 15th, and 16th, at Norfolk.

Witnesses were examined for both the government and the petitioners, at the conclusion of which Judge Waddill discharged the petitioners from arrest. To this action, the government prayed for and has now secured an appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

BATTLESHIP GOING SOUTH.

Missouri Ordered in Readiness to Proceed to Central America.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 14.—Just before the Alton left for the Southern drill ground today it was said at the Old Point that the battleship Missouri had been ordered held in readiness to proceed to Central America at a moment's notice.

It is said that the ship has been ordered and provisioned in preparation for a voyage South under hurry orders. The Navy Department keeps in touch with the fleet on the drill ground by wireless and if the emergency arises the Missouri could receive orders and depart for Nicaragua without returning to the Roads. The Missouri carries a crew of more than 700 men, and has aboard two 3-inch field pieces, which could be used in the event of the necessity for landing an armed force in an enemy's territory.

SCHOONER IS WRECKED.

Vessel Met With Disaster in Delaware River—Crew Saved.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 14.—Word was received here today of the wreck of the schooner May Brown and the thrilling rescue of her crew of three in the Delaware river on Pea Patch Island last night, where the United States transport Prairie recently went aground.

The rescue was effected during a severe storm by the crew of the dredge Delaware which vessel aided in floating the Prairie by dredging a new channel. The schooner was in command of her owner, Captain Kaiser, of Townsend, Del. When the storm arose the board was anchored. Both masts and the yawl were soon carried away by the high waves and the wind, and the crew took refuge on top of the cabin, whence they signalled with a lantern. The crew of the Delaware finally reached the sinking schooner and saved the men.

A CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK.

Bill Embodying Banking Scheme Introduced by Mr. Fomes.

Washington, Dec. 14.—A bill providing for a Central National Bank of America to be established in Washington, D. C., with branches in various cities throughout the country, was introduced in the House today by Representative Fomes, of New York. The bank is to have a capital of \$100,000,000, three-fifths of which is to be subscribed for by the United States treasury through an issue of 50-year gold bonds. The remaining two-fifths is to be offered to the various National banks of the country. Branches are provided for in New York, Chicago, New Orleans, Boston, Denver, St. Louis, Atlanta, San Francisco and Portland, Ore.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY.

Main Building Destroyed by Fire at Cumberland Gap.

New York, Dec. 14.—President William L. Stoutsbury, of the Lincoln Memorial University, at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., received word here tonight by telegram that Grant-Lee Hall, the main building of the University, had been completely destroyed by fire tonight. There was no loss of life so far as is now known.

Lincoln Memorial University was founded about 14 years ago by the late General O. O. Howard. The blow to the University will be a heavy one as Grant-Lee hall was not only the main administrative building and recreation hall, but also housed a larger part of the 480 students who will now be forced to return to their homes.

John Allen Stackhouse has been sentenced at Laurinburg, N. C., to the electric chair, February 15. This is the first case in Scotland county that the jury has rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree. Stackhouse shot his wife down in the field where she was at work with her mother, she having left him and returned to her mother, on the 5th day of last July, and the evidence was that he shot her some three or more times after she fell.

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MARINES LEAVE TODAY.

Transport Prairie Will Carry 700 Men to Canal Zone.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—With the arrival here late today of a detachment of marines from Boston, completing the complement of 700 who have been ordered to sail on the United States Transport Prairie for Colon, Panama everything is in readiness for the sailing of that vessel tomorrow afternoon. Since the clearing of the transport from the mud bank in the Delaware, coal, ammunition and provisions have been restored to its hold. Colonel William T. Biddle will be in command of the marines and Captain Kellogg will be in command of the transport.

MAY HOLD CELEBRATION

To Commemorate Semi-Centennial of Emancipation Proclamation.

Washington, Dec. 14.—By a joint resolution offered in Congress a commission of seven persons to investigate the prospects for a Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1913, is provided.
Congressmen E. L. Taylor, Jr., of Ohio, and William A. Rodenberg, of Illinois, chairman of the committee on industrial arts and exhibitions, are the authors of the resolution. Five thousand dollars is the appropriation for the expenses of the commission which will serve without pay.

CAPT. FRANKLIN GIVES BOND.

Former Commissary and Treasurer Convicted of Embezzlement.

New York, Dec. 14.—Capt. Thomas Franklin, U. S. A., former commissary and treasurer at West Point, who pleaded guilty to embezzlement here today and was sentenced to two and one-half years in the Federal prison at Atlanta, was released from custody under \$10,000 bail tonight. In releasing the prisoner under bond, the court did so with the understanding that the application for a writ of error must be made not later than January 3rd.

MASONS TO ERECT TEMPLE.

By Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, for the Southern jurisdiction, will build a new temple in this city, planned to be the finest of its kind. It is expected to be finished in time for the international conference of the 26 supreme councils of the world in October, 1911. The site for the new building has been bought.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

Advertisements inserted under this head one cent per word for each insertion but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, one cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amounts being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to any address in the city for advertisements in this department upon request by Phone No. 51, A. D. T. Messenger will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for the telegrams but a small charge for strictly A. D. T. calls. For this service call Western Union, Phone No. 2. But for advertisements always call the Star office No. 51. Copy for Business Locals cannot be taken over the telephone but upon request Messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

WANTED—Position as driver of delivery van. Address "Star" care Star, de 15 11

WANTED—Experienced, sober, all-round saw mill mechanic and general handyman. D. W. Alderman & Sons Co., Albion, S. C. de 15 11

WANTED—To rent at once a neat five or six room cottage, centrally located. Give full particulars to real estate broker. Address "Cottage" care Star office, de 15 11

SWEET ORANGES. We are offering to the trade any quantity of West India oranges in any amount as low as the lowest, and will be glad to have your orders at 311 North Front street. The Hicks Co. de 15 11

STOLEN—From residence on Red Cross street fox terrier puppy, short tail, four black spots on back. Information leading to recovery will be appreciated. J. O. Hinton, City Laundry, de 15 11

NOTICE TO HOLIDAY SHOPPERS—I have just received the most complete line of electric and gas portables and artistic chandeliers ever shown in Wilmington. Prices range from \$5.00 to \$50.00. I also have complete line of electric novelties to select from. Do not make your purchase until you have looked over my stock. Store open until 10 P. M. through the holidays. J. O. Brock, 123 Market street, phone 375. de 15 11

THE Cooker Boarding House is now open at southwest corner of Second and Dock streets; the entire house has been painted, and modern improvements installed; rooms large, airy, newly furnished and comfortable; table board best market at 40c; terms reasonable. For further particulars apply J. A. Cooker, Proprietor. de 15 11

MECHANICS Home Association, 29th streets B. & L. stock opens January 1st, 1910. Subscribe now. Walker Taylor, president; W. J. Cumming, secretary and treasurer. de 15 11

SWEET WEST INDIA ORANGES. Abroad British schooner "Blanche," lying at Springer Coal Company's wharves, foot of Chesnut street, \$12 per 1000; \$1.40 per 100. Sent quick before they are all sold. T. Albory, Master. de 15 11

WHEN YOU WANT cooking butter, phone 175. It is only 25c per pound. de 15 11

YOU CAN BUY any amount of cooking butter from our stock at Lagerett Brothers, 112 South Front street. de 15 11

WANTED—An experienced traveling salesman to sell molasses as side line, on division of profits in North Carolina. Address Theo. Brerens & Sons, New Orleans, La. de 15 11

FOR SALE—A fully equipped model H. Maxwell Touring Car, with extra body for use as runabout, guaranteed in perfect condition. Dr. A. H. Harris, Wilmington, S. C. de 15 11

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

LOST—Late Tuesday afternoon on Water Street, a black and white dog, heavy collar, black on one side, red on the other. Under will be rewarded for return to Chas. Wessell. de 15 11

ORANGES, ORANGES—Florida oranges for Christmas, \$1.50 per hundred. Give us your orders. Palace Market, Phone 72. de 15 11

A SALE OF FANCY ARTICLES, for the benefit of the Melver Loan Fund, will be held at the residence of Miss Lydia Yates, 110 North Fourth street, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. de 15 11

FOR SALE—One upright piano to avoid storage. Price \$80.00 original value \$200.00. Apply at 312 North Fourth street. de 15 11

THE PARISH GUILD of St. John's church will have their annual Christmas sale in the Parish House, Third and Red Cross streets, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Come and bring your friends. de 14 11

GLOVE LOST—Finder of fur lined auto Glove will greatly oblige owner by returning to Auto Co., Second street. de 14 11

WOOD—For good well seasoned wood, call up 346. W. W. Koch Shingle Mills. de 12 11

SHIP ME your eggs, poultry, hams, hides, beeswax and any kind of produce. Will pay highest market prices and make prompt returns. M. C. Harris, a specialty. C. B. Bellos, 16 North Second street. Phone 1576. de 12 11

LOST—Strayed or stolen, a white and black setter dog, nine months old. Answers to name "Toby." Had on plain leather collar. Reward for return. Dr. A. H. Harris, 600 Lock street. de 12 11

PRACTICAL TAILORING in all its branches. Formerly located next to A. C. L. Railroad offices. Now in my new stand, 139 Princess street, South building second floor. See my nice line of piece goods at most popular prices. Legere Meyer. de 12 11

A CHEERFUL FIRE first thing in the morning makes the whole day cheerful. Our Kila Dried Blocks should be called "Cheerful Blocks." \$1.00 per load, cash delivered. Hilton Lumber Co., phone 321. de 10 11

TO THE PUBLIC—Fish, oysters, clams, open in the shell. Phone 1788, third bench, Front street Fish Market. M. Sandlin. de 7 20

WANTED—The shaving public to know that we now have six well barbers at "The Artisan" Sanitary Shop. We beg for a trial; it will be up to us to hold your trade. de 24 11

KEEP YOUR EYE on our show case. The display will be changed frequently. Every time we change it will be better. The Geo. Studio, Poltz & Kendrick, 111 Market street. de 27 11

HEADQUARTERS FOR FIREWORKS—Let us have your orders, wholesale and retail. One car load must be sold. Prices very low. Farish's Bakery. de 3 11

PHOTOGRAPHS—Enlargements, copying, framing, viewing and film photograph work of every description. At the U. C. Ellis Studio. de 15 11

EVERY MAN, WOMAN and child that has no stock in the Beaver Building & Loan Association should have some, and we offer you an opportunity now to do so. January 1st, 1910, we open a new series and want you to own a few shares. This is the best possible way of saving money and at the same time have it well invested, where it will draw good interest and be absolutely safe; 25 cents per week, will be worth the money. A good set of officers and directors are behind this company. For information apply to any of the following: John J. Fowler, president; W. Yates, vice president; H. F. Wilder, secretary and treasurer; C. D. Weeks, attorney; J. Shields, N. E. Bunting, J. P. Welch, B. P. Keith, H. Cole, J. O. Brock, Marsden Bellamy, J. O. Kelly, E. Norbert, W. T. Smith. Office at Wm. E. Springer & Co., 207 Princess street. de 3 11

LOST MONEY LOUSE—In days gone by but now I'm wise. I've found where and how to make money by shipping my raw furs, hides, tallow, wool, beeswax, worm seed, produce etc. to C. D. Gilbert & Bro., 212 Market street. de 1 11

FOR SALE—National Cash Register; practically new; price low. Address Cash, care Star. de 15 11

QUAL ON TOAST, Lynnhaven Bay Oysters and all other delicacies of the season with the usual substantial that go to make up a first class bill of fare at any time. The Junction Restaurant, "Just at the Corner," convenient to all trains, suburban line, etc. Open day and night. Sunday 10c. de 15 11

SULTANA OLIVE OIL—Mr. Vagstad, the Sultana agent here, has arranged to have this oil distributed in the future by Hall's drug store, Fifth and Castle, Phone 356. Quarts \$1.00. Phone orders filled promptly. de 4 11

COMFORT AT HOME when our Split Pine Wood is used. No soot and choked pipes. Cooks and house girls want it. \$1.00 per load, cash delivered. Milton Lumber Co., Phone 321. de 9 11

WANTED—To sell \$5,000 worth of diamonds, watches, bracelets and all kinds of jewelry at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 108 Market street. de 8 11

Best Bill of All THIS WEEK

Crystal Palace

Date when \$15 Doll will be announced today.

Good Things To Eat

119 Boxes L. L. Raisins.

61 Boxes Florida Oranges.

66 Bags of C. C. Nuts.

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